**UPR of Tunisia －Statement of Japan**

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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

**Japan welcomes Tunisia’s adoption of it’s new and advanced Constitution with a view to protecting human rights. We recommend that Tunisia to fully implement the ideals of the new Constitution, including the initiation of the**

**Constitutional Court proceedings.**

**Japan welcomes the efforts made by the Tunisian government in the field of counterterrorism. However, under the particular circumstances of the current state of emergency and strengthened anti-terrorist measures, we recommend that Tunisia give greater consideration to the protection of human rights during judicial processes related to terrorism.**

**Japan welcomes Tunisia implementation of advanced measures with a view to protect the rights of women. On the other hand, we are concerned about the existence of prejudicial measures imposed against women, including those related to inheritance and legal custody.**

**Japan recommends Tunisia to promote legislation that is in keeping touch with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), including for preventing violence against women.**

**I thank you, Mr. President.**