**UPR of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - Statement of Japan**

**Ambassador Mitsuko SHINO**

**The Permanent Mission of Japan**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan welcomes the United Kingdom’s positive initiatives in the area of business and human rights.

Enforced disappearance is a problem that must be urgently addressed on the global scale. Japan **recommends** that the United Kingdom ratify the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances (CPED) as an expression of its commitment to addressing this issue.

Japan notes the increase in hate crimes in the United Kingdom since June 2016’s referendum on leaving the EU, particularly those stemming from racial and religious motives. We commend the United Kingdom for its Hate Crime Action Plan launched in July 2016 with measures including awareness-raising, support for relevant organizations, and victim protection. Japan **recommends** that the United Kingdom continue to implement measures such as promoting cultural understanding toward the eradication of hate crime against social minorities.

We highly commend the United Kingdom on its routine and independent monitoring of detention facilities through its National Preventive Mechanism. Japan **recommends** that the United Kingdom continue its efforts to improve treatment of inmates.

I thank you Mr. President.