**UPR of Bangladesh – Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan welcomes Bangladesh’s efforts to realize a society where the rule of law, and fundamental human rights and freedoms are upheld.

Japan also commends Bangladesh for temporarily sheltering the

forcibly displaced persons from Rakhine State, Myanmar, and extending continued humanitarian assistance to them.

We note, however that several UN bodies expressed their concerns about violence against women and persons with disabilities in the country.

In this regard, Japan recommends the following:

1) further strengthen accountability and justice for violence against women by continuing to implement the National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and Children; and

2) take further steps to ensure protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, especially women and children.

We wish the delegation of Bangladesh every success in the review.

I thank you.

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