**UPR of Viet Nam – Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

[As the first speaker of this session,] Japan would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation of Viet Nam.

Japan welcomes the efforts and progress made by the Government of Viet Nam since the previous review, including its initiatives to advance gender equality, such as its approval of the National Action Plan on WPS [Women, Peace, and Security] for the period 2024–2030 and the enactment of “the National Action Plan for Law and Policy Improvement to Promote Responsible Business Practices in Viet Nam.”

[Acknowledging the difficulties and challenges outlined in Viet Nam’s National Report,] Japan recommends that Viet Nam:

1) continue to implement measures to uphold its commitments and obligations under international human rights treaties, including its ongoing efforts to streamline its domestic institutional framework [for the protection and promotion of human rights]; and

2) take further measures to raise human rights awareness among the public and government officials at all levels.

[We wish the delegation of Viet Nam every success in this review.]

I thank you.