**UPR of Republic of Côte d’Ivoire**

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Thank you, XX.

Japan takes notes of the efforts made by the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire since the previous review, including making efforts to accept and accommodate refugees and asylum seekers from neighbouring countries including from Burkina Faso in the northern part of the country.

Japan commends Côte d’Ivoire on its cooperation with UN Women to protect women and girls of asylum seekers and to support host communities. We appreciate the initiatives, such as the distribution of hygiene kits and the establishment of facilities that provide psychological support and guidance on gender-based violence, which we have contributed to.

However, Japan is concerned about the status of implementation of polices relevant to these initiatives. In this regard, we recommend that the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire:

1. redouble its efforts to improve the human rights situation of displaced persons; and
2. strengthen its efforts to protect and promote the human rights of women and girls by enhancing their meaningful participation in decision-making processes including through revision of the NAP (national action plan) of the WPS agenda.

We wish the delegation of Côte d’Ivoire every success in the review.

I thank you.