**UPR of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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Thank you, Mr./Madam [Vice-] President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Iran to this session.

　Japan appreciates Iran’s cooperative approach to the work of OHCHR and the special procedure mandate-holders. We welcome Iran’s efforts to promote and protect the rights of refugees and migrants by providing opportunities for primary and higher education to a large number of Afghan refugee and migrant youth and young adults.

　While acknowledging Iran’s ongoing efforts in these areas, in order to further improve the human rights situation in the country, Japan would like to make three recommendations:

1. take additional measures to promote and protect women’s rights;

2. redouble efforts to promote and protect the rights of minorities; and

3. strengthen action to promote and protect the freedom of expression.

Japan wishes the delegation of Iran every success in this review.

I thank you, Mr./Madam [Vice-] President.