**UPR of Italy**

**Statement by Mr. SHIMIZU Yohei, First Secretary**

**Permanent Mission of Japan in Geneva**

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

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Italy.

Japan appreciates the strenuous efforts made by Italy to promote and protect various human rights, including the rights of women, children, and persons with disabilities.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue and for the further improvement of its human rights situation, Japan recommends that Italy:

1. continuously take effective measures to combat violence against women and domestic violence, in order to prevent tragic incidents; and

2. make further efforts to reduce overcrowding in prisons and improve conditions of inmates, including through the effective implementation of the law aimed at addressing this issue approved in August 2024.

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

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