**UPR of Saint Kitts and Nevis — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Saint Kitts and Nevis to protect and promote the rights of people in vulnerable situations, including the launch of the Poverty Alleviation Programme to provide financial support to low-income households.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (CCPR); and
2. take further measures to promote and protect women’s rights, including prevention of gender-based violence.

We wish the delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis every success in the review.

I thank you.