**UPR of Saint Lucia — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Saint Lucia to this session.

Japan highly appreciates that Saint Lucia has adopted a multisectoral approach in combatting gender-based violence under the recognition that it is one of the most under-reported crimes in Saint Lucia.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. ratify the Convention against Torture and;
2. ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;

We wish the delegation of Saint Lucia every success in the review.

I thank you.