**UPR of Estonia — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Estonia to this session.

Japan appreciates Estonia’s national report, which clearly articulates its challenges. Japan values Estonia’s positive and continuous actions to promote gender equality, including through the development and implementation of its Gender Equality Plan 2020-2023. Japan also notes Estonia’s efforts to tackle human trafficking.

Japan would like to make three recommendations:

1. Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
2. Strengthen efforts to further promote business and human rights, including through the development of initiatives for implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; and
3. Enhance measures to prevent all forms of bullying and harassment in schools.

We wish the delegation of Estonia every success in the review.

I thank you.