**UPR of Mozambique — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Mozambique to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the fact that a number of women are in political leadership in Mozambique, including the President of the Assembly and the Foreign Minister.

At the same time, Japan is aware of challenges facing Mozambique, including instability in Cabo Delgado province, and those related to missing persons and persons affected by leprosy.

Japan would like to make three recommendations:

1. take necessary measures in coordination with the international community to restore stability and improve the humanitarian situation in Cabo Delgado;
2. complete the process of ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and
3. allocate adequate resources to the National Leprosy Control Program.

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

I thank you.