**UPR of Seychelles — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Seychelles to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Seychelles to combat enforced disappearances, including the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED) in 2017.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. take further measures to increase the number of qualified teachers, decrease dropout rates and improve accessibility to education for all children; and
2. strengthen efforts to combat gender-based violence, including by raising public awareness.

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

I thank you.