**UPR of Solomon Islands— Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Solomon Islands to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Solomon Islands to protect and promote the rights of children, including the passing of Immigration Act 2012 and Penal Code Amendment Act 2016 to protect them from sexual exploitation. At the same time, Japan is aware of challenges facing Solomon Islands.

Japan would like to make three recommendations:

1. ratify International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
2. effectively implement the Family Protection Act and take measures to prevent gender-based violence; and
3. strengthen efforts to further promote the rights of children with disabilities.

We wish the delegation of Solomon Islands every success in the review.

I thank you.