**UPR of Somalia — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Somalia to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Somalia to promote and protect the rights of people in vulnerable situations, including creation of the roadmap to implement the National Action Plan on Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, and ratification of CRPD.

At the same time, Japan is aware of challenges facing Somalia, including those related to rights of women and children.

Japan would like to make three recommendations:

1. Take further measures to promote and protect women’s rights, including abolishing in law and practice female genital mutilation.
2. Make all necessary efforts to end use and recruitment of child soldiers and ensure reintegration and access to education for former child soldiers, and
3. Carry out necessary steps for ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

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

I thank you.