**UPR of Papua New Guinea — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Papua New Guinea to this session.

Japan appreciates the positive steps taken by Papua New Guinea to promote and protect children’s rights, including the establishment and operation of the juvenile justice system.

Japan would like to make four recommendations:

1. ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED) and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment;
2. strengthen efforts to combat child abuse and exploitation, including by raising the level of birth registration, which would facilitate the full implementation of the Child Protection Act 2015;
3. provide more training and resources to schools and teachers so they are better equipped to meet the needs of children with disability and children affected by leprosy; and
4. develop a National Action Plan (NAP) in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights with the aim of promoting respect for human rights in the context of business activities.

We wish the delegation of Papua New Guinea every success in the review.

I thank you.