**UPR of Tajikistan — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Tajikistan to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Tajikistan to protect and promote rights of persons with disabilities, including the signing of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the adoption of the National Action Plan to prepare for the ratification of the Convention.

Japan would like to make 3 recommendations:

1. strengthen efforts to ratify the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

2. ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and

3. with the aim of promoting respect for human rights in the context of business activities, develop a National Action Plan (NAP) in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

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

I thank you.