**UPR of Trinidad and Tobago — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago to this session.

Japan appreciates the positive steps taken by Trinidad and Tobago to protect the rights of children since the previous review cycle, such as its proclamation of the Miscellaneous Provisions (Marriage) Act, 2017, and of the Family and Children Division Act 2016.

Japan also welcomes the fact that Trinidad and Tobago has made progress in the area of gender equality, through the Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act, 2020, and the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. continue to strengthen efforts to further promote human rights protection by participating in more international agreements, particularly the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and
2. accelerate its efforts to develop domestic policy and legislation to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, including via the newly established Inter-Ministerial Committee to oversee the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We wish the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago every success in the review.

I thank you.