**UPR of Haiti — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Haiti to this session.

Japan appreciates the positive steps taken by Haiti to promote and protect children’s rights, including extending the period of free education from six to nine years.

Japan would like to make three recommendations:

1. ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED);
2. adopt adequate measures to ensure the safety of journalists, human rights defenders and other citizens from attacks, threats and intimidation; and
3. improve judiciary and justice system by strengthening the investigative capacity and implementing measures to ensure the proper investigation and prosecution of criminal cases, thereby combating impunity and addressing challenges to public safety.

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

I thank you.