**UPR of Iceland — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Iceland to this session.

Japan welcomes the positive steps taken by Iceland since the previous review cycle, including its ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Japan also commends Iceland for promoting prevention of violence towards children and young people, including its adoption of an Action Plan on the Prevention of Sexual and Gender-based Violence and Harassment for the period of 2021 to 2025.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance at as early a stage as possible; and
2. finalize the development of Iceland’s National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAP) in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights with the aim of promoting respect for human rights in business.

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

I thank you.