**UPR of Republic of Lithuania — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Lithuania to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Lithuania since the previous review cycle, notably protection of children from human rights violations.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. take further measures to tackle the issue of violence against women, including domestic violence by strengthening overall mechanism to enforce existing measures to safeguard victims; and
2. continue to implement measures to ensure freedom of expression for all.

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

I thank you.