**UPR of South Sudan — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of South Sudan to this session.

Japan appreciates the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OP-CRC-AC) and the development of Action Plan on Children Affected by Armed Conflicts, as well as the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (OP-CRC-SC).

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and
2. take effective measures to ensure freedom of expression, including by ensuring the safety of journalists and human rights defenders.

We wish the delegation of South Sudan every success in the review.

I thank you.