**UPR of the Republic of Moldova — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Moldova to this session.

Japan takes note of the positive steps taken by the Republic of Moldova to protect and promote women’s rights and gender equality, including the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence in 2021.

Japan would like to make three recommendations:

1.　conclude the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, which the Republic of Moldova signed in 2007;

2.　continue to implement measures to prevent torture and address the impunity of such acts; and

3.　develop a National Action Plan (NAP) in line with the UN Guiding　Principles on Business and Human Rights.

We wish the delegation of the Republic of Moldova every success in the review.

I thank you.