**UPR of Zimbabwe — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Zimbabwe to this session.

Japan appreciates the fact that Zimbabwe has extended the prohibited grounds of discrimination in education to include marital status and pregnancy through the enactment of the 2020 Education Amendment Act.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and
2. take further steps to ensure women’s rights, including by removing gender-based discriminatory provisions on marriage and property rights.

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

I thank you.