Thank you.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by India since the previous review cycle. We particularly welcome India’s promotion of increased participation by women in paid economic activities, including non-conventional sectors, and various legislative and judicial measures to combat domestic violence, sexual harassment, and child marriage. We also welcome the release of the draft National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights in 2018, and encourage India to accelerate its efforts to finalize the NAP.

Japan recommends that India continue to review and amend its national legislation to eliminate discrimination against person with disabilities and redouble its efforts to protect and promote their human rights, including their access to justice.

We also recommend that India ratify the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances (ICPED), as well as the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT).

I thank you.