Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by the UK government since the previous review cycle.

We welcome the action taken to address issues affecting ethnic minorities, including the data-driven approach to highlighting disparities and the leadership shown by the United Kingdom in addressing contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and related intolerance. We hope that the United Kingdom will make continued efforts to address such issues as racial profiling and the disproportionate number of people from ethnic minorities in prisons.

Japan recommends that the United Kingdom ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

We wish the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland every success in the review.

I thank you.