Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by the Kingdom of the Netherlands since the previous review cycle. We particularly welcome the Kingdom’s continuous efforts to promote the rights of women and combat discrimination based on sexual orientation, as exemplified by the newly proposed bill to add “disability” and “sexual orientation” to the list of specified forms of discrimination prohibited in the Dutch Constitution.

Japan commends the acknowledgment by the Kingdom of the Netherlands that there is discontent among various sections of the population, and hopes that its commitment to take actions in the area of human rights will be fulfilled.

Japan recommends, as noted in the National Report, that the Kingdom of the Netherlands continue its efforts to improve its response to discrimination and racism.

We wish the delegation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands every success in the review.

I thank you.