Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of South Africa to this session.

Japan appreciates the positive steps taken by South Africa since the previous review cycle. Specifically, we welcome South Africa’s commitment to gender equality. Japan also acknowledges South Africa’s efforts to address gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF), as represented by the Presidential Summit Declaration against GBVF, and hopes that South Africa will continue to implement measures to protect the rights of women and girls.

Given South Africa’s position as a leading economy in Africa, Japan would like to recommend that South Africa develop a National Action Plan in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. We also recommend that South Africa ratify, without delay, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

We wish the delegation of South Africa every success in the review.

I thank you.