**42ND SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF JAPAN**

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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks Japan’s delegation for the presentation of their National Report.

We welcome measures taken by the Government of Japan to address discrimination against persons with disabilities, including amending its Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities to conform with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In addition, Brunei Darussalam commends Japan’s Fifth Basic Plan for Gender Equality, which aims to increase women’s participation in all fields, including the economy and public administration.

In moving forward, we propose two recommendations:

1. Ensure that persons with disabilities continue to enjoy the same privileges in schools as well as the workplace; and
2. Continue efforts to address discrimination between men and women in the field of employment and the gender pay gap.

Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes Japan a successful review.

Thank you.

*Time limit: TBD*