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Mr. President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Japan to this UPR Session and wishes the country a successful review.

South Africa respectfully makes the following recommendations that Japan;

* Implement the ICPD25 commitment to apply a human rights-based approach to pressing population issues and demographic transitions including declining fertility, population aging, and urbanization, and collaborate with the international community to share experiences and accelerate policy implementation with a life course approach,
* Consider ratifying the International Labour Organization (ILO) Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111),
* Establish a national human rights institution with a broad mandate to promote and protect human rights, in compliance with the Paris Principles (relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights).
* Eliminate any discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression by legislating an anti-discrimination law with a newly established national equality body.

I thank you.