**42nd session of the Universal Periodic Review**

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**State under Review - Japan**

**1 minute**

**Tuesday 31 January 2023, 9:00-12:30, Room XX at Palais des Nation**

Mr. President,

Fiji welcomes the delegation of Japan and thanks them for their report.

In the spirit of cooperation, Fiji **recommends** that Japan:

1. Considers positively the introduction of a moratorium on executions as a first step toward the abolition of the death penalty.
2. Halt plans to discharge radioactive wastewater into the Pacific Ocean and continue dialogue with the Pacific Islands Forum on its ongoing independent assessment on the proposed discharge;
3. Provide full disclosure of all data requested by the Independent Scientific Experts of the Pacific Islands Forum to advance its assessment and verify for itself whether the discharge of radioactive water into the Pacific ocean is an acceptable measure;
4. Strengthen and implement relevant domestic legislation to protect and promote the right to a clean, healthy, sustainable environment and its associated impacts on other rights.

Thank you. (*140 words)*