Thank you.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea to this session.

Japan appreciates the positive steps taken by the Republic of Korea since the previous review cycle, including the recent accession by the Republic of Korea to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons against Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED) as well as its efforts to increase female representation in both the public and private sectors.

Japan also acknowledges the efforts made by the Republic of Korea to address social inequality and recommends that the Republic of Korea continue to implement measures to protect vulnerable groups and further defend and promote human rights.

Japan wishes the delegation of the Republic of Korea every success in the review.

I thank you.