Thank you.

Japan appreciates the positive steps taken by Sri Lanka since the previous review cycle, including the implementation of amendments to the Prevention of Terrorism Act and progress in reparation through the establishment of the Office for Reparations. Japan considers it important that the international community support Sri Lanka’s own efforts to foster reconciliation in the country.

We would like to provide the following recommendations:

1. continue efforts to establish a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in cooperation with various stakeholders;

2. develop comprehensive legislation on counter-terrorism, taking into account best practices on human rights; and

3. promptly proceed with Cabinet approval of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (WPS).

We wish the delegation of Sri Lanka every success in the review.

I thank you.