**Statement by Kazakhstan**

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**Review of Japan**

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Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of Japan to the fourth cycle of UPR and thanks it for its presentation.

We commend the advances Japan has made in the prevention of discrimination and promoting human rights education and awareness-raising activities. Particularly, we appreciate the amendments made to the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities in line with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and adoption the Fifth Basic Plan for Gender Equality to increase women’s participation in all fields, including politics, economy, and public administration.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the country:

- Continue its good efforts to address violence against women and children;

- Establish independent national human rights institutions in accordance with the Paris Principles;

- Consider abolishing the death penalty and introducing alternatives to it.

We wish the delegation of Japan a successful review.