**Universal Periodic Review – 42nd session**

**Japan**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 31 January 2023*

*Mr President,*

Poland thanks Japan for its participation in the UPR process and for the presentation of the national report. We recommend Japan to:

1. **adopt a comprehensive law on children’s rights and take steps to fully harmonize its existing legislation with the Convention on the Rights of the Child;**
2. **explicitly and fully prohibit all corporal punishment and strengthen its measures to eliminate that practice in all settings;**
3. **harmonize all disability-related national legislation and policies with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and set up a comprehensive strategy for the inclusion of children with disabilities;**
4. **initiate a policy review with the intention of abolishing the death penalty**

Poland welcomes Japan’s commitment to human rights and efforts to promote human rights standards internationally. We commend Japan for measures to promote human rights education in all settings including schools, communities and workplace. Poland also recognizes the recent efforts by Japan to protect and promote the rights of the Ainu people

*I thank you.*