**National Statement, delivered by Third Secretary, Danyal Hasnain, during the 4th UPR Review of Japan**

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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Japan and thank it for presentation of the 4th UPR report.

We appreciate Japan’s cooperation with the UN Special Procedures, the UPR mechanism and other human rights mechanisms.

We welcome the steps taken by Japan to further the human rights agenda, especially through the enactment of Fifth Basic Plan for Gender Equality, the Fourth Basic Plan for Persons with Disabilities and the Comprehensive Plan to Strengthen the Prevention of Child Abuse.

We have the following recommendations:

* Enhance measures to strengthen mechanisms to combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children;
* Reinforce steps to improve prisons’ situation and enhance safeguards for prisoners’ medical care and mental health; and
* Strengthen and safeguard the economic and social rights of migrants and refugees.

We wish Japan a successful review.

I thank you!