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**UPR of Canada - Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

We would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Canada.

Japan commends the Government of Canada for its various initiatives to empower women as Canada makes gender equality and women’s participation in all spheres as its priority. Japan further commends Canada on its efforts to protect rights of indigenous people and welcome Canada’s accession to the major human rights treaties and steady implementation of its commitments.

Japan wishes to make the Government of Canada three recommendations:

1) continue to strengthen its measures to address discrimination against indigenous women and girls as raised by the treaty bodies;;

2) continue to tackle the issues related to people with disabilities and poverty as pointed out by the relevant treaty bodies and

3) ratify the “International Convention for the Protection of All Persons form Enforced Disappearance”.

Japan wishes Canada every success in this review.

I thank you, Mr. Vice-President.