**UPR of Senegal — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

We warmly welcome the Senegalese delegation and appreciate its comprehensive presentation.

Japan commends various initiatives taken by the Senegalese government to support gender parity and women’s empowerment as its high priority agenda. We particularly welcome the significant increase in female representation in parliament and local assemblies.

Japan would like to make the following two recommendations:

1. Continue to improve the educational environment for pupils attending primary and secondary schools, including Qur’anic schools.
2. Make further efforts in educational support to children with disabilities, taking into accounts the points raised by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, while welcoming Senegal’s initiatives for supporting persons with disabilities based on its law concerning the promotion and protection of persons with disabilities.

My delegation wishes all the success for Senegal in this review.

I thank you, Mr. Vice President.