**UPR of Cambodia — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Japan warmly welcomes the Cambodian delegation.

Japan would like to submit two recommendations:

First, to promote dialogue among the political actors, freedom and rights of the people and the democratic process, in order to unite the people towards development. In this process, ensure an environment in which the rights of all political actors, the civil society, the media and others are respected and their activities are not constrained;

Second, to further advance judiciary reforms and establish an independent justice system that is trusted and utilized by the people. To this end, make maximum use of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia as a model.

As regards the current situation, Japan welcomes Cambodia’s recent extension of the MOU with the OHCHR Office in Phnom Penh. We also look forward to concrete actions to be taken based on the Government’s recent statement on further steps to strengthen democracy and political space so that democracy in Cambodia will progress steadily.

Japan also expects Cambodia to strengthen oversight and control regarding entities involved in dispatching workers overseas, including to Japan, so that inappropriate brokers will be excluded.

I thank you, Mr. President.