**UPR of El Salvador — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of El Salvador.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by El Salvador to promote the rights of women and children, through various measures such as the formulation and implementation of the new national action plans aimed to reduce violence and crimes against them.

On the other hand, Japan is concerned by reports of crime and violence, especially violence perpetrated by gangs, including homicide and vandalism in schools.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. improve public safety through various measures, including strengthening the investigative capacity of the Attorney General’s Office, to ensure the proper investigation and prosecution of criminal cases; and
2. invest in and allocate greater resources to education for youth so that they will have more opportunities to work in society.

We wish the delegation of El Salvador every success in the review.

I thank you, Mr. President.