**UPR of Fiji — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Fiji.

Japan appreciates Fiji’s efforts to promote democracy and protect the human rights, especially those of women, children and persons with disabilities. Japan welcomes Fiji’s ratification of the core international human rights instruments, such as the CESCR, CCPR, CAT, CED and CPRD.

Japan also appreciates Fiji’s strong commitment to human rights as shown by its active engagement in the Human Rights Council as a Vice-President.

The international community should continue to provide support for Fiji’s efforts to protect and promote human rights.

Japan would like to make the following recommendations:

1. further strengthen efforts, in cooperation with UN agencies, to ensure that the rights of women and children stipulated in the Constitution, laws and regulations are protected in their everyday lives; and
2. further strengthen efforts to improve legal and public services in rural areas through outreach activities by mobile teams.

I wish the delegation of Fiji every success in this review.

I thank you, Mr. President.