**UPR of Angola— Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Angola.

Japan commends Angola’s ongoing efforts to increase women’s participation in political and economic decision-making processes including at ministerial level. Japan also welcomes Angola’s continued endeavors to promote the rights of women and children, for example, through universal access to basic health services and compulsory education. Japan further notes Angola’s efforts to reduce the number of persons affected by leprosy, as outlined in its National Development Plan for 2018-2022 and the Angola 2025 Long Term Strategy.

In order to further improve its human rights situation, Japan recommends Angola to:

1. strengthen its efforts to ensure universal coverage for basic health

services;

1. strengthen its efforts to ensure universal access to free compulsory education, while paying special attention to girls and to students in rural areas; and
2. continue to take concrete measures to eliminate discrimination against and stigmatization of persons affected by leprosy and their families.

Japan wishes the delegation of Angola every success in its review.

I thank you, Mr. President.