**UPR of Kyrgyzstan — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Ms. President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Kyrgyzstan.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Kyrgyzstan to protect the rights of women and children, such as amending the Criminal Code and the Family Code on prevention of underage marriages. Japan also welcomes Kyrgyzstan’s ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

On the other hand, Japan is concerned by reports of crime and violence against women and girls, including bride kidnapping.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. ratify the Convention for the Protection of All persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED); and
2. continue to train the law enforcement personnel on the application of the relevant criminal law provisions dealing with violence against women.

We wish the delegation Kyrgyzstan every success in the review.

I thank you, Ms. President.