**UPR of Armenia — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Madam President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Armenia.

Japan commends Armenia’s various measures to promote and protect human rights including its adoption of the new National Strategy for Human Rights Protection and its Action Plan for 2020-2022, its approval of the Strategy on the gender policy implementation for 2019-2023, and its adoption of the law on prevention of domestic violence. Japan notes the increasing numbers of women involved in the political decision-making processes, including in the National Assembly.

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

* continue to strengthen its efforts to ensure education for all, paying special attention to children from economically disadvantaged families;
* further empower persons with disabilities through improving their employment opportunities and access to public buildings, including those providing health-care, educational and social welfare services; and
* accelerate its efforts to reform the judiciary system in order to ensure independence of justice.

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

I thank you, Madam President.