**UPR of Sweden — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Madam President.

Japan commends Sweden’s actions to combat racism and hate crimes, including adoption and implementation of the national action plan. Japan appreciates Sweden’s policies and measures to protect women’s rights and to realize gender equality, including the establishment of the Gender Equality Agency and the introduction of a ten-year national strategy to prevent and combat violence against women.

Japan recommends that Sweden:

1. take further steps to promote and protect the rights of all children, including the elimination of child abuse and sexual exploitation; and
2. take additional steps to promote and protect the rights of minorities and migrants.

I thank you, Madam President.