UPR of Turkey ― Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Madam President.

Japan highly commends Turkey for accepting millions of refugees from Syria and providing financial support in cooperation with international organizations since 2011. We welcome the measures taken by the government to protect the rights of refugees, including by providing education, healthcare and food. Japan also appreciates the recent establishment of a government bureau for the prevention of domestic violence and violence against women.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. increase efforts to promote and protect women’s rights, including prevention of domestic violence against women; and
2. take further measures to promote freedom of expression and the press, including fostering a political and social environment that more broadly embraces media activities.

We wish the Delegation of Turkey every success in this review.

I thank you, Madam President.