**UPR of Guyana — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Madam President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Guyana.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Guyana to protect and promote the rights of children, including the launch of its National Policy on Child Labour aiming to end child labour by 2025. Japan also commends Guyana’s continuing efforts to improve access to clean water for its people.

On the other hand, Japan is concerned by reports of high unemployment among youth, women and persons with disabilities, a significant gender pay gap, and the persistence of sexual harassment.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. strengthen policies to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace; and
2. continue strengthening measures to eliminate child labour.

We wish the delegation of Guyana every success in the review.

I thank you, Madam President.