**UPR of Andorra — Statement of Japan**

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Thank you, Madam President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Andorra to this session.

Japan welcomes Andorra’s efforts to promote gender equality and empowerment of women, including its adoption of Act No.13 /2019 of 15 February 2019 on equal treatment and non-discrimination and Act No. 1/2015 of 15 January 2015 on the eradication of gender-based violence and domestic violence. Japan also commends the introduction of measures to implement these acts.

Japan would like to make four recommendations:

1. ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
2. ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances;
3. promote equal participation of girls and women of all ages in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); and
4. further empower women and promote equal participation and leadership of women in the business sector.

Japan wishes the delegation of Andorra every success in the review.

I thank you, Madam President.