**UPR of Liberia — Statement of Japan**

**Permanent Mission of Japan**

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Thank you, Madam President.

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Liberia to this session.

Japan highly appreciates the positive steps taken by Liberia to protect and promote the rights of women and children, including through the 2018 presidential executive order banning the female genital mutilation of girls under 18 years of age and of non-consenting women, as well as the national action plan for child welfare and protection for the period 2018–2022. While we commend such measures, we encourage Liberia to enhance its efforts to protect women’s and children’s rights.

Japan would like to make two recommendations:

1. adopt and effectively implement legislation criminalizing all forms of female genital mutilation, without exception; and
2. take legislative measures to put an end to corporal punishment in schools.

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

I thank you, Madam President.