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Thank you Mr. President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Japan and thanks it for its national report and presentation today.

Azerbaijan recognizes strong commitment of Japan to the Universal Periodic Review Process. We appreciate the progress made by Japan in the implementation of the most of the recommendations made during the last review. Azerbaijan particularly appreciates Japan's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Azerbaijan also welcomes the measures of the Government aimed at promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We are of the view that, existence of an independent human rights institution would substantially contribute to endeavors of Japanese Government. In this context, Azerbaijan would like to **recommend** Japan to consider establishing independent national human rights institution.

We have taken note of the Government's increased efforts in combating trafficking in human beings, since the last review. We particularly welcome development of Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons and establishment of a high-level coordination mechanism. Azerbaijan **recommends** Japan to continue exerting further efforts to improve access of victims of trafficking and sexual violence to complaints mechanisms and protection services.

We wish Japan a very successful review.

Thank you.