

**Human Rights Council, 25<sup>th</sup> Session**  
**Item 2: OHCHR Report on Sri Lanka + Discussion**  
**Statement by the Government of Japan**  
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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan appreciates the OHCHR's efforts to improve the human rights situation in Sri Lanka. We also commend the cooperation of the Government of Sri Lanka with human rights mechanisms including its acceptance of visits by the High Commissioner and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons.

While Japan appreciates the steps taken by Sri Lanka for its reconstruction after the civil war, we recognize that a number of outstanding issues still remain for the realization of national reconciliation and improvement of its human rights situation. We earnestly hope that the Government of Sri Lanka will further advance its efforts to resolve these challenges.

Japan sincerely hopes that cooperative partnership between the international community and the Government of Sri Lanka will support for the promotion of true national reconciliation in the country.

Japan has been consistently engaged in peace-building in Sri Lanka over a period of many years and supported its national efforts towards reconciliation and improvement of the human rights situation. Japan remains committed to supporting those efforts aimed at achieving concrete progress in the human rights situation in Sri Lanka.

I thank you, Mr. President.