

UPR of Canada– Statement of Japan

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Japan commends Canada's efforts to advance human rights including through its ratification of the major international human rights instruments as well as its cooperation with special procedures in the Human Rights Council. While encouraging Canada's continued implementation of its human rights obligations, Japan **recommends** that it ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

With regard to the aboriginal population, Japan welcomes the enactment of the Gender Equality in Indian Registration Act to further guarantee the rights of aboriginal women. On the other hand, we note 1) the reportedly high rate of violence against aboriginal women and 2) the WHO's report concerning the health problems faced by the aboriginal population. We would like to inquire about Canada's assessment of violence against aboriginal women and the level of realization of the right to health among the aboriginal population as well as the corresponding countermeasures designed to improve the situation.

Lastly, the CRC has pointed out a lack of progress on ensuring the access of children with disabilities to inclusive education. As Canada ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2010 and Japan itself is currently preparing to ratify it, we would like to hear what challenges Canada has identified in meeting its obligations under CRPD and the steps it has taken to address them.

I thank you.