

**34th Session of the Human Rights Council
Clustered Interactive Dialogue with:**

**Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism
[Item 3: Promotion and protection of human rights] (6 March 2017)**

**Statement by Ms. Tomoko KUBOTA
First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan in Geneva**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan is actively working to introduce support arrangements and services for persons with disabilities as part of its implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In April last year, Japan enforced the new Act which bans discrimination for reasons of disability in governmental bodies and private businesses and requires the provision of reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.

The Paralympics will be held in Tokyo in 2020. The term “Paralympics” was first used for the 1964 Tokyo Paralympics, an event which played a major role in promoting measures to build a society where all people can live together in harmony. Madame Special Rapporteur, do you have any particular expectations of Japan, as the host country of the 2020 Games, for improvement of the human rights situation of persons with disabilities?

Japan is strongly opposed to all forms of discrimination, prejudice, and attacks against people based on physical appearance due to a particular condition. In this connection, Japan appreciates the important role the Independent Expert albinism have been playing.

The subjection of persons with albinism to violence, killings, and rape is a clear violation of human rights. Trafficking in bodies or body parts of persons with albinism must be carefully addressed. We are highly aware of the pressing need to formulate the necessary domestic laws to counter such practices.

It is also important to address the stigma attached to women with albinism and their families. We would like to ask the Independent Expert about policies that she believes should be implemented to promote comprehensive anti-discrimination measures from a gender perspective.

I thank you, Mr. President.