

UPR WORKING GROUP – FOURTEENTH SESSION

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UPR of JAPAN – INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

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INTERVENTION BY INDIA

Madam President,

My delegation extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Japan led by His Excellency Mr. Hideaki Ueda and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its National Report which reflects its commitment to the Universal Periodic review mechanism.

2. India take positive note of the activities of the Human Rights Organs of the Ministry of Justice and the inclusion of human rights curriculum for public servants. We are encouraged by the time-bound “*Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality*”, Guidelines on the Treatment of Human Trafficking Cases and the Child Welfare Act, 2011 in order to ensure human rights for women and children respectively. We call on Japan to effectively enforce child pornography laws and criminalise all aspects of child pornography including simple possession of material.

3. My delegation notes with interest the efforts made to conclude human rights treaties and we welcome the revised Basic Act for Persons enacted in July 2011. To this end, **India recommends Japan to ratify the Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities. We also recommend Japan to ratify the Protocol on UN Trafficking in Persons and urge them to undertake stronger anti-trafficking measures domestically.**

4. We are also concerned about the socio-economic conditions of the *Burakumin*, who despite legislations continue to face discrimination in employment, marriage, housing and property assessment. There should be

open debate on the issue of the status of the *Burakumin* and active measures to combat social discrimination against them.

We wish Japan great success in its future endeavour in the protection and promotion of Human Rights.

Thank you.
