

**State under Review:**

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Follow-up actions in line with UPR recommendations from the previous cycle

**A. Fully implemented measures**

1. Rights of specific types of people and groups

(a) Women (recommendations 152-155, 163-164, 170, 174-176, 178)

- In May 2018, the Ministry of Justice established a Working Group, consisting of experts and several departments to combat sexual violence and eliminate sex-related offenses. This group conducts research and communicate with victims of sexual violence to improve its mechanism for supporting the victims.

- The GOJ has decided in April 2018 to amend the Civil code to further ensure women's rights. Based on the cabinet meeting held early this year, the government plans to raise women's marriage age from 16 to 18 in April 2022.

(b) Children (recommendations 121, 153, 164, 175, 178, 186-187, 188-196)

- In February 2018, Japan formally joined the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children to eliminate abuse, exploitation, trafficking and torture against children. In detail, Japan commits to a 3-5 year domestic plan to eradicate violence against children. Additionally, the government of Japan contributed \$5.9 million dollars to the Fund to End Violence Against Children following the 2030 Agenda for Children: End Violence Solutions Summit held in Sweden. Japan's promotion of human security, especially children, contributes to the elimination of sexual exploitation of children.

(c) Measures to combat trafficking in persons (recommendations 117-124)

- The Immigration Control, the Ministry of Justice and the labor department provide support to victims of human trafficking by setting advisory desks that offer multilingual translation services for foreign-language speakers. Furthermore, Japan is promoting investigation on suspected cases of human trafficking such as prostitution, child pornography, and illegal employment of foreign nationals.

**B. Other**

1. Environment and Climate Change

- In April 2018, the Fifth Basic Environment Plan was launched to take long-term measures on environmental protection. The plan aims to implement various measures listed on "National Climate Change Action Plan" based on the Paris Agreement. It tries to keep the global average temperature rise sufficiently below 2 degrees. The GOJ will also strive to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Other (recommendations 4-8, 95-106)

- Regarding the many recommendations to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the GOJ is exploring the practical aspects of what "inspection" and other elements should consist of, and how the terms of Optional Protocol would relate to domestic laws. Therefore, we will continue considering this protocol.