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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to transmit herewith the comments of the Government of Japan on the Human Rights Council Resolution 27/22 on Female Genital Mutilation.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 4 December 2014

Enclosure mentioned



Information on Human Rights Council Resolution 27/22 on FGM
Comments from the Government of Japan

- Child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation not only violate the rights of all women and girls, but also threaten their lives. Japan reaffirms the importance of taking action to tackle these issues.
- Japan has been supporting these efforts through our regular contributions to UNICEF, IPPF, UNHCR and UNFPA – the four international organizations making efforts to address FGM and CEFM.
- Early and forced marriage not only deprives women and girls of educational opportunities, but also increases physical risks during pregnancy, leading to the expansion of poverty. As education empowers women and girls to take more control of their own lives, Japan will continue to also provide cooperation in the field of education.
- Japan is currently making efforts to enhance co-operation with the international community and providing assistance to partner countries for gender equality and women’s empowerment to realize a “society where all women shine.” Our policy priorities are:
 1. Facilitating Women’s Active Role / Participation in Society and Women’s Empowerment,
 2. Women’s Health Care as a part of Japan’s Strategy on Global Health Diplomacy, and
 3. Supporting Women’s Participation and Protecting their rights in the area of Peace and Security.

In order to tackle the issues of FGM and CEFM, Japan is committed to continuing cooperation with UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, IPPF, along with others, and the international community as a whole.

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