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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliment to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and, with reference to the Note Verbale Ref. OL JPN 3/2021 dated 31 March 2021, has the honour to transmit the reply from the Government of Japan to the Joint Communication from Mr. Felipe González Morales, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Ms. Elina Steinerte, Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Mr. Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and Mr. Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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



Geneva, 17 June 2021

**Reply from the Government of Japan to the Joint Communication from the
Special Procedures (OL JPN 3/2021)**

Regarding the Joint Communication dated 31 March 2021, sent to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva from the Special Procedures, the Government of Japan replies as follows.

In recent years, Japan faces the problem that a certain number of people refuse to be deported even though they are liable for deportation for the reasons stipulated by law without any special circumstances to grant permission to stay, as well as the problem of prolonged detention for those who are subject to deportation.

Among various efforts to solve such problems of evasion of deportation and prolonged detention, the Government of Japan drafted the amendment bill to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and submitted it to the 204th session of the National Diet this year, but the bill was not passed.

While giving due consideration to human rights, the Government of Japan promotes the acceptance of foreign nationals in line with the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, and continues to take measures towards the realization of a harmonious society in which all foreign nationals who are legally entitled or permitted to stay in Japan are appropriately included and Japanese citizens and such foreign nationals respect one other, follow the rules, and live safely and peacefully.

Solving the problems of evasion of deportation and prolonged detention is important, including for promoting the above measures. The Government of Japan will continue to work on such problems while engaging in dialogue with the international community and civic groups, and to take appropriate responses, including improving the operations under the current system.

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