



JAPAN

Status: seeking re-election

Previous terms: 2006-2008, 2008-2011, 2013-2015, 2017-2019, 2020-2022, 2024-2026

Voluntary pledges

- Has the State submitted a public pledge on its candidacy?
- Has the State submitted the public pledge in a timely manner?

Strengthening the Council's effectiveness

- Has the State supported all country-specific resolutions at the Human Rights Council or General Assembly?
- Has the State played a leadership role on country situations at the Council?
- Has the State opposed all attempts to defund HRC mandates at the Fifth Committee?

Cooperation with Special Procedures

- Has the State consistently accepted country visit requests?
- Has the State sent substantive replies to communications sent by Special Procedures?

UPR

- Has the State developed and published an action plan for the implementation of UPR recommendations?
- Has the State submitted a voluntary UPR mid-term report?

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Treaty bodies

- Has the State ratified the 9 core international human rights treaties plus the related optional protocols?
- Has the State accepted all individual complaint mechanisms?
- Does the State not have any outstanding treaty body reports?

Civil society

- Does the State have no unresolved cases of reprisals highlighted in Secretary-General reports (2015 - 2025)?
- Has the State publicly expressed concern, by name, about particular victims of reprisals related to UN engagement at the General Assembly or Human Rights Council?
- Has the State sponsored the last HRC and Third Committee resolutions on human rights defenders, civil society space and reprisals?

National Human Rights Institution

- Does the State have a NHRI in conformity with the Paris Principles (A-status)?

Financial contributions

- Has the State paid its UN contributions in full and in a timely manner?