

Japan's comment on the Mandate Review

2025 December 5

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PERMANENT MISSION OF JAPAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS



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At the consultations on “Mandate Review” under UN80

3 December 2025

Mme. and Mr. co-chairs,

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