

Statement by Japan - Agenda 3 C

The Government of Japan, recognizing that human-trafficking constitutes a serious violation of human rights and a malicious crime, robustly implements counter human trafficking measures under the whole-of-government approach.

As a state party to the "Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons," Japan is determined to strengthen its cooperation with other parties in preventing human trafficking, protecting victims and prosecuting perpetrators.

In Japan, a foreign national officially recognized as a human trafficking victim is granted special permission to stay, taking into consideration each individual situation, even in the case where the victim enters do/or reside illegally. A human trafficking victim wishing to stay or not being able to safely return to home country, is granted work permit, as appropriate and where necessary, taking into account individual situation.

In addition, the Government provides "return and repatriation assistance," such as support for return to home country, support for entry to school, and vocational training, to avoid re-victimization of those foreign victims of human trafficking recognized by the Government, through its support to IOM