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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 information related to the issue of participation in realizing the human rights to water and sanitation.

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 assurance of its highest consideration.

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Enclosure mentioned

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**Information for OHCHR related to the issue of participation in realizing the human rights to water and sanitation**

The participatory process for the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation in Japan is as follows:

1 . Within the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, a sectorial meeting on living environment and water supply under the Public Welfare Science Council is held. This sectorial meeting aims at the investigation and discussion of important matters which concern hygiene in our living environment and water supply.

2 . This sectorial meeting was established on the base of Article 8, the Act for Establishment of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

3 . The committee members of this sectorial meeting are appointed by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, in consideration of their academic experience. A representative of the private sector related to hygiene is also chosen as a committee member of this sectorial meeting.

4 . This sectorial meeting is held as a public hearing. People can find information on this meeting through certain websites, such as the websites of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. Moreover, concerning agendas and minutes of the meeting, they are made public in principle.

When important matters, such as legislation, are under discussion, they are open for public comment.