

# JAPAN: LONG-STANDING DISCRIMINATION UNCHANGED

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### SUMMARY

This submission was prepared for the fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Japan on 31 January 2023. In it, Amnesty International evaluates the implementation of recommendations made to Japan in its previous UPR in 2017, including in relation to the establishment of an independent national human rights institution and abolition of the death penalty.

With regard to the human rights situation on the ground, Amnesty International raises concerns about rights of refugees and migrants, LGBTI persons, discrimination against ethnic minorities and Japan's military sexual slavery system before and during World War II.

It ends with a set of recommendations to Japan which, if implemented, would contribute to improving the human rights situation.