

**Oral statement for Item 3 – General Debate
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The use of brothel by military was not unique to Japan during the WW2.

There is substantial amount of information about the brothel called "comfort stations" by Japanese - their numbers and locations, recruiting methods, nationalities and ages of women who worked there as well as their wages, work hours, and so on.

The myth of comfort women as "sex slaves" emerged in the 1980's that over 200,000 mostly Korean women and girls as young as 11 were forcibly taken from their homes. The myth has since been weaponized against Japan which - according to the accusers - remains unrepentant and insincere in their apologies.

The accusation however, is solely based on unsubstantiated testimonies of the self proclaimed former comfort women without authenticated evidence. The myth persists despite no documents or police reports of kidnapped person by families of the allegedly kidnapped victims has been found.

This depraved, highly defamatory myth is seeking permanent memory in inscriptions accompanying the statues of young girls as "sex slaves" now littering public spaces in cities around the world. The truth of "comfort women" has already been widely known in Japan with the admission and apology of the major media responsible for false reportings.

We ask the United Nations Human Rights Council to re-investigate the "comfort women" issue, this time, based on objective evidences.