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Statement by Armenia

We would like to welcome Japan's national report and the involvement of both Government and civil society in the protection and promotion of human rights.

We note with appreciation the efforts of the Government of Japan to promote gender equality and women's rights, particularly active participation and involvement of women in decision making processes and the importance attached to their social advancement.

Armenia emphasizes the importance of the efforts towards combating trafficking, as well as towards protecting the rights of people with disabilities, particularly the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The protection of the rights of the children is also noteworthy, mainly prevention of child abuse and protection of child interests. We notice the establishment of Child Guidance Centres where children can seek for protection and advice in case of violence.

We would like to make the following recommendations:

- to continue promoting the rights of women and their inclusion in decision making processes,
- to continue effective implementation of the national plan on Gender equality to raise the awareness in order to eliminate discrimination and prejudice,
- to continue the effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.