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**Italian intervention**

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Thank you, Madame President.

Italy welcomes the distinguished delegation of Japan.

We welcome the positive developments achieved by Japan in the protection of the children's rights. Italy **recommends** Japan to address those situations that still raise concern, such as the lack of criminalization for the possession of pornographic material regarding children. We also **recommend** that Japan accelerate the procedure to accede to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

Regretting the seven executions carried out in 2012, Italy invites Japan to consider the following **three recommendations**:

- to establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolish the death penalty;
- to begin a deep nationwide dialogue on death penalty, open to all stakeholders and views;
- to ensure that the rights of the detainees sentenced to death be duly respected.

We welcome the "Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality", which indicates the elimination of all forms of violence against women as a priority field. In this regards, we are pleased to ask Japan more details on how it intends to further improve the condition of women, prevent the abuses against them, and ensure equal treatment and opportunities for women and men.

I thank you, Madame President

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