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The United States welcomes [Head of Delegation] and the delegation of the Government of Japan to the UPR working group.

We commend Japan for its work to promote human rights, both domestically and internationally. We are aware of the challenges that the country has faced following the 2011 Earthquake and Tsunami, and we commend Japan's efforts to protect human rights during the reconstruction process. We look forward to continued cooperation with the Government of Japan in our mutual efforts to advance human rights.

Due to the strict time limit placed on interventions for the review today, we are unable to provide our full comments to you orally. We will provide them to you in writing at the end of the review and make them public on our Mission website and the U.S. State Department site, HumanRights.gov.

Bearing in mind concerns we have for Japan, the United States makes the following recommendations:

1. Lobby for and implement a comprehensive anti-discrimination law that provides effective protection against discrimination against persons with disabilities.
2. Lobby for and implement comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation to provide protection for the rights of LGBT persons.
3. Improve prison conditions to bring them in line with international standards and guidelines for the treatment of prisoners by providing warmer clothes to prisoners in the winter, providing foreign prisoners with timely medical and dental treatment, and increasing the amount and nutritional quality of the food.