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Mr. President,

Finland wishes to thank France for the national report and its presentation today. Finland would like to commend France for its continuous work to promote human rights in the world, emphasising its commitment to the rights of the child.

Finland would be interested to learn about the situation regarding the recommendation made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) that France review its position with respect to children belonging to minority groups and consider withdrawing its reservation to article 30 of the Convention.

Finland acknowledges the importance France has attached to educating professionals on family violence and its risks for children. Nevertheless, the CRC has reiterated its concern that corporal punishment against children, in particular in homes and schools, remains widespread. Finland would like to ask about the measures France intends to take to tackle this issue

**Finland recommends** that France introduce legislation to explicitly prohibit all corporal punishment of children as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

I thank you.