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Japan appreciates that Qatar has been actively taking measures in such areas as promotion of women's participation in society and protection of child rights including through its National Human Rights Commission and other initiatives such as the Qatar Foundation for Social Action. Japan encourages Qatar to continue making efforts to advance the legal and social status of women. We hope that the NHRC will continue to play a constructive role in improving the human rights situation in the country.

Japan welcomes Qatar's cooperation with the international human rights mechanisms, including the extension of a standing invitation to Special Procedures. On the other hand, we recognize that Qatar has yet to ratify the ICCPR and ICESCR while noting the establishment of a committee to consider accession to the latter. Japan recommends that it consider early ratification of the ICCPR and ICESCR.

Japan also welcomes the commitment of the Government of Qatar to improving the labor and living conditions of migrant workers and encourages Qatar to enhance its efforts toward their further improvement. Japan recommends that Qatar implement necessary measures to ensure adequate labor conditions and to combat human trafficking. Japan further expects that Qatar will continue to review the need to revise the existing labor-related legislation and mechanisms with a view to ensuring their consistency with international human rights standards.

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