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Thank you, Mr. President,

Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of Nepal to this session.

Japan commends the Government of Nepal on its efforts to promote and protect human rights through the promulgation of Nepal's new constitution in September this year, which in addition to providing extensive coverage of fundamental human rights, incorporates articles on protection of the human rights of indigenous and other minorities, *Dalit*, women, children and socially vulnerable groups. On the other hand, considering the actual situation and the many issues that remain to be addressed, Japan **recommends** that Nepal make increased efforts to truly bring an end to discrimination.

In regard to the human trafficking of women and children, Japan commends Nepal on the legal measures it has introduced and on the national and district committees it has established to address the situation. However, we note with concern reports that this issue has again come to the fore since the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal on the 25th of April this year. Taking this into account, Japan **recommends** that Nepal make increased efforts to introduce and effectively carry out new measures to deal with the problem. Finally, Japan **recommends** that Nepal ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED).

Thank you.