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**Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bhutan**

Bhutan thanks the delegation for the detailed presentation of their report and commends Japan for the commitment in implementing the recommendations from the last UPR cycle.

We note with appreciation Japan's long standing support and contribution to many developing countries through its various development cooperation programs.

We welcome the many initiatives and the progress made in promoting and protecting the rights of women such as the adoption of the Fifth Basic Plan for Gender Equality and the Policy for strengthening measures against Sexual Offences and Sexual Violence.

We also note the amendment of the Child Welfare Act and the various measures taken to implement the prohibition of corporal punishment.

In a spirit of friendship, Bhutan recommends the following:

1. Continue efforts in protecting women and children from all forms of violence.
2. Consider further measures to integrate gender perspective into the framework for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

We wish Japan a successful review.

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