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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands welcomes the delegation of Japan and commends them on the 5th Basic Plan for Gender Equality and the target it sets to have 35% female political candidates by 2025.

Nonetheless, we are worried about the tragic incident that occurred in an immigration detention center where a detained Sri Lankan woman died without receiving proper medical care.

Therefor the Kingdom of the Netherlands **recommends** Japan to:

1. Take concrete steps to improve the medical care system within immigration detention facilities and avoid unnecessary long-term detention of immigrants, by defining detention criteria, introducing judicial review, setting a limit on the detention period and granting provisional release.
2. Make quality, modern contraceptives available, accessible and affordable to women of reproductive age through government subsidies and accelerate efforts to make emergency contraceptives available at pharmacies without a medical prescription.

We wish Japan a succesful review.