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**Review of Japan**

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**Statement by Austria**

Austria warmly welcomes the delegation of Japan and thanks them for their presentation.

We commend Japan’s efforts to follow up on, and implement the recommendations received during previous UPR cycles. While some recommendations have been implemented, others may require further attention.

We offer the following recommendations:

* To work towards implementing comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation to protect and promote the rights of LGBTI persons and to recognize same-sex unions on the national level.
* To recognize all persons evacuated from their homes by the Fukushima disaster as internally displaced persons (IDPs), and ensure the protection of their human rights, including regarding housing, health, livelihood, participation and education for children.
* To bring the prison and detention conditions in line with international human rights norms and standards, such as the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Nelson Mandela Rules).
* To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OP-CAT).

Thank you.