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**Japan**

**Canada’s Intervention**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada commends Japan for introducing the Act recognizing the Ainu people, as an Indigenous People.

Canada wishes Japan a successful review and recommends that Japan:

1. Consider establishing an independent national human rights institution, in accordance with The Paris Principles.
2. Continue efforts to advance gender equality and promotion of women’s empowerment in political and economic spaces.
3. Further efforts to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, recognize same-sex partnerships at a national level, and permit same-sex marriage.
4. Follow the relevant international standards to improve detention conditions, including better medical and psychiatric treatment; appropriate heating in the winter; and larger servings of food for prisoners.

Observations:

In addition, Canada continues to be concerned about the lack of a moratorium on the use of capital punishment, and urges the Government of Japan to engage in a public debate about the use of the death penalty.

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