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**The Permanent Mission of Japan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Japan commends France’s efforts toward eliminating gender violence, inter alia, creating its “Interministerial Mission for the protection of women from violence and combatting trafficking in human beings.” Japan also commends France on the further strengthening of its policies on combating discrimination against the Roma since its last review.

Japan would like to makethe following three recommendations to the Government of France.

First, Japan **recommends** that France continue its efforts to strengthen its mechanism for eliminating gender violence.

Second, we **recommend** that the French government continue to take measures to address the issues raised in reports of continued cases of removal of Roma campsites and forced evictions from the same.

Lastly, noting the recommendations made by human rights treaty bodies, Japan **recommends** that France continue its efforts to ensure strengthening of preventive measures in its overseas operations while paying due consideration for human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President.