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We thank the Secretariat for its long and enduring efforts in compiling the Guidelines.

Japan welcomes the endorsement of the guidelines.

As part of our efforts to empower women and girls and promote gender equality in the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors, Japan is promoting the participation of women in policy-making processes and creating an environment in which women can exercise their abilities.

Specifically, by holding training sessions for the development of women leaders and supporting the activities of local female farmers' groups, we have nurtured female farmers who can become local leaders and promoted their appointment as agricultural commissioners and officers of agricultural cooperatives, and so on. In addition, we have developed new products and services in the Women's Agriculture Project, and disseminated information in cooperation with various companies and educational institutions both inside and outside agriculture, thereby enhancing the presence of female farmers in society as a whole and creating an environment to facilitate their activities.

Through these efforts, we will continue to strive for the empowerment of women and the promotion of gender equality.