

## JAPAN

● On behalf of a cross-regional core-group, composed of Brazil, Estonia, Ethiopia, Japan, Morocco, Portugal and Romania, I have the honour to make a statement regarding the adopted resolution on the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy and their Family Members here at the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the HRC Advisory Committee.

● This resolution is a follow-up to the previous resolutions adopted unanimously by the Human Rights Council between 2008 and 2010 which assigned the HRC Advisory Committee to formulate the Principles and Guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members (P&G). It was adopted by consensus at the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council with 97 co-sponsors.

● This latest resolution requests the HRC Advisory Committee to undertake a study which reviews the implementation of the principles and guidelines and to submit a report containing practical suggestions for the wider dissemination and more effective implementation of the principles and guidelines in order to eliminate discrimination and the stigma associated with leprosy and to promote, protect and respect the human rights of those affected by leprosy, and their family members by June 2017.

● We strongly hope that the HRC Advisory Committee make a report containing suggestions which each country will find useful and practical to work toward a world free from discrimination based on leprosy.