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“Achieving gender equality is not about being better than the opposite gender it is about having equal opportunities in all fields and not just one gender going beyound all odds just to get the same opportunities”. The delegate from France welcomes the opportunity to discuss this critical topic which encompasses not only French women but has an overarching reach to women across the world.

France recognizes the transformative potential of innovation and technological advancements in promoting gender equality. As a country committed to advancing gender equality both domestically and internationally, France acknowledges the importance of leveraging technology to address persistent barriers faced by women and girls in accessing education. Gender equality has been a priority for the French government and it advocates this not only for French women but for women all around the world. The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs delivers on this commitment through its feminist foreign policy. France is a vocal advocate for women’s rights and the “feminist diplomacy” adopted by the French government in 2019 affirms that gender equality is a priority for France. The International Gender Equality Strategy was adopted to improve the situation of women around the world and ensure a gender perspective in all aspects of France’s foreign policy, and wants this goal to be taken into account in all issues, including inequality reduction and sustainable development, peace and security, defence and promotion of fundamental rights. The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs must set an example for feminist foreign policy. By 2025, France is committed to ensuring that 75% of the projects funded by France’s official development assistance helps to improve gender equality.

Setting an example in its internal practices is a key part of implementing the Foreign Affairs feminist foreign policy. To foster occupational equality between men and women and gender parity, the Ministry has taken several commitments:

* Increasing women represention, 26% of France’s ambassdors are women.
* Preventing all forms of bullying and workplace violence including the creation of a listening service.
* Implementing means enabling a better work/life balance.
* Communications do not include gender stereotypes and promote equality-related issues.
* 12 agencies set up which oversees solely or jointly to include gender issues in their strategies and actions.

France believes that technology can be a powerful tool to improve access to education for girls and women, especially those in remote areas. It can serve as a powerful tool to overcome geographical, socio-economic, and cultural barriers to education.

France supports initiatives that leverage digital platforms, online learning resources, and innovative educational technologies to expand educational opportunities for women and girls, especially those in marginalized communities. They also want to see more women and girls in STEM fields and working in technology through targeted interventions such as coding workshops, mentorship programs, and scholarships. France prioritizes safety online, combining education with technological solutions to combat harassment and promote responsible digital citizenship by empowering women and girls in technology, France intends to bridge the digital divide and use technology to improve education and career opportunities for girls and women, especially in remote areas. To achieve these goals, France believes that governments, businesses, and non-profit groups should work together. This collaboration can help ensure that everyone has the chance to benefit from the digital revolution. By harnessing the transformative potential of technology, we can break down barriers, bridge divides, and create a more inclusive and equitable world for all. France remains committed to working collaboratively with our fellow member states, international organizations, and stakeholders to harness the power of innovation unleashing the full potential of women and girls will be unleashed, leading to positive advancements for all of humanity.

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