

**Italian intervention****UPR – MOROCCO****(22/05/2012)**

We thank the distinguished delegation of Morocco for participating to the second cycle of the UPR.

We welcome the latest political developments in Morocco marked by the adoption of a new Constitution that includes an entire chapter on human rights and by the elections conducted in a good atmosphere. We appreciate the democratic specificities of Morocco.

In the spirit of our bilateral friendship, we would like to commend Moroccan authorities for the *de facto* moratorium on capital executions and **recommend Morocco to continue the debate in view of the abolishment of the death penalty.**

As detailed in the National Report, important steps have been taken by Morocco to address the condition of detainees, by integrating prisoners' rights in the new Constitution and establishing locally a special Office with the mandate to visit prisons. In this regard, **Italy recommends Morocco to consider increasing the resources allocated to the prison system**, as suggested by CAT.

Also, Italy would like to be informed on the implementation of the "equality agenda for 2011–2015".

I thank you, Madame President.