

Italian intervention

UPR – GABON

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Thank you, Madame President.

We thank the distinguished delegation of Gabon for its participation to the second cycle of the UPR and for the national report.

Italy welcomes the commitment of Gabon in protecting and promoting human rights. We express appreciation, in particular, for the abolishment of the death penalty in 2010 and the ratification of several international human rights treaties and protocols. ~~Nevertheless,~~ Italy notes that some reasons of concern still remains, in particular with regard to cases of trafficking and abduction of children, and to the situation of children in prisons. In which way does the Government of Gabon intend to address such issues, also in light of the recent visit of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons? Has the Government of Gabon worked out a strategy to fight against the abduction of children?

During the previous cycle of the UPR, Gabon announced that it was about to adopt legislation for the establishment of a juvenile court system and educational facilities in prisons. In this regard, we thank the Gabonese authorities for the information provided in the national report. We note that Gabon expressed also the intention to launch an appeal for funding for juvenile detention and rehabilitation centers. What progress has been made so far?

I thank you, Madame President.

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Counsellor