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Thank you, Madame President.

We thank the distinguished delegation of Ghana, led by H.E. Mr. Ebo Burton Ocho Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Minister for Justice, for its participation to the second cycle of the UPR and for the national report.

Italy welcomes the efforts deployed by Ghana in the field of children's rights. Nevertheless, the scourge of child labor remains widespread. We notice that this heinous practice implies also an high rate of children dropping out of school and, consequently, increased illiteracy. In this regard, Italy recommends a more effective implementation of the legal framework prohibiting child labor.

Furthermore, we acknowledge some efforts to promote women's rights in the country. However, we are concerned by the problem of violence against women, in particular domestic violence, marital rapes and harmful traditional practices, including female genital mutilations. We recommend to strengthen awareness-raising campaigns on the issue of violence against women, bringing perpetrators of such crimes to justice. Italy further recommends Ghana to continue to fight against female genital mutilation.

Finally, we welcome the ratification by Ghana of the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities. We recommend Ghana to improve its domestic legal framework on the rights of persons with disabilities in line with the provisions of the relevant international convention.

I thank you, Madame President.

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