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Italian intervention

UPR – Republic of Korea

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Thank you, Madame President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation led by H.E. the Vice Minister of Justice. Overall, Italy acknowledges the efforts of the Republic of Korea aimed at promoting and protecting human rights.

On the death penalty, Italy commends the Republic of Korea for maintaining a de facto moratorium on executions. While taking note of the existence of a strong debate in the Country on this issue, Italy recommends that the Republic of Korea takes into consideration the possibility of abolishing the death penalty.

Current legislation and practice are reported to be inadequate in providing universal birth registration. Italy recommends that the Republic of Korea considers the possibility to introduce a system of automatic registration of children born in the country, regardless of the parents' nationality or status.

Domestic violence against women is reported to be a serious problem. Italy has duly taken note of the legislative measures described in the national report and the reference to the efforts aimed at raising awareness on the fact that domestic violence is a crime and not a private matter. We would ask to elaborate further on this point and to possibly share figures on the detected trends in this domain.

We welcome also the recent prohibition of the corporal punishment in schools, following the recommendations received during the first cycle of the UPR. However, episodes of violence still persist and we would be interested in knowing more about school bullying, and the adopted measures to counter it.

I thank you, Madame President.