

**Italian intervention**

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Thank you, Madame President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Ukraine for its participation and thank it for the informative national report.

Italy welcomes the recent adoption of a new Criminal Procedural Code. While we look forward to the beneficial effects of its full implementation, Italy still looks with apprehension at the national penitentiary system. We believe that the efforts deployed in this area meet only partially the expectations. For this reason, Italy **recommends** Ukraine to strengthen the effectiveness and the independence of the mechanisms to supervise the observance of human rights of the inmates and the persons under police custody with the aim of preventing ill-treatments.

Italy notes with appreciation the measures taken to improve the protection of the rights of children and women, like the Combating Trafficking in Persons Act. However, we remain specially concerned by the presence of cases of domestic violence, children prostitution and pornography. In this regard, Italy **recommends** Ukraine to rapidly enact legislation which clearly prohibits child prostitution and other forms of child sexual exploitation, consistently with the international obligations undertaken by the Country, bearing in mind that the Council of Europe Lanzarote Convention will enter into force as regards Ukraine on 1 December 2012. Furthermore Italy **recommends** Ukraine to respect the principles and standards provided by the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence even previous to its ratification and entry into force.

I thank you, Madame President

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