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Thank you, Mister President.

Italy welcomes the distinguished members of delegation of Botswana. We appreciate the efforts deployed to eradicate extreme poverty and encourage Botswana to redouble its endeavor towards this goal. We also welcome Botswana commitment to protect the freedom of religion in the country and the absence of abuses motivated by religion.

Regretting that the national legislation retains the death penalty, Italy urges Botswana to abolish it. In this regard, we would like to **recommend**:

- to assure the respect of international standards on the rights of prisoners sentenced to death, also ~~by implementing the national normative framework;~~ ^{TWO FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF}
- to positively consider the establishment of a moratorium on executions.

Italy also **recommends** that Botswana take the necessary measures to contrast discrimination against women, strengthen its domestic legislation on the rights of women, and adequately enforce CEDAW provisions. To this end, we urge to reform article 15, para (4) (c), of the Constitution - which establishes exceptions to the general rule of non- discrimination - and ^{clearly} affirm ~~clearly~~ the primacy of ~~civil law and~~ ^{CUSTOMARY LAW.} international standards on religious and traditional norms.

Finally, we would like to ^{THEY ARE NOTING (TAKING NOTE OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED)} know ~~in which way~~ Botswana puts in practise the ^{HAVE FURTHER DETAILS ON HOW IS IT PUTTING IN} recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous people, who visited the country in 2009, and how Botswana intends to guarantee the ^{FULL} enjoyment by ~~THE~~ ^{NON-DOMINANT INDIGENOUS GROUPS} these groups of their fundamental rights.

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I thank you, Mister President