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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished members of Mali's delegation.

Italy is very concerned about the spread of violence in the country and the extensive violations of human rights as portrayed in the Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. We regret that the current situation frustrates the efforts done in previous years by the Government and the civil society.

We **recommend** Mali to prosecute, directly or through the international justice system, all the perpetrators of serious violations of human rights. We also encourage Mali to collaborate effectively with the International Community to face the current humanitarian crisis and to alleviate conditions especially of the most vulnerable groups of the population, women and children.

We also **recommend** Mali to take concrete measures to combat the recruitment and use of children in hostilities and ensure their return to their families.

Finally, we **recommend** Mali:

- to urgently act to protect women against any form of sexual violence;
- to adopt legislative measures to ban FGM and enhance the awareness campaign, in accordance with the General Assembly's recent resolution;
- to uphold the de facto moratoria on executions.

Let me express our hope that peace and stability be rapidly restored through dialogue so that the necessary resources can be devoted to the protection of human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President