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Italian intervention

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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Bangladesh.

Italy commends Bangladesh on the commitment deployed in many domains of human rights and encourages it to step up its efforts along this path.

Italy would like to express its sincere condolences to Bangladesh on the recent tragic collapse of a factory in the Savar area, which left behind hundreds of victims. Italy is confident that Bangladesh will urgently take all possible measures to prevent such events from happening again and **recommends** Bangladesh to adopt further measures to drastically improve the protection of worker rights to a safe and healthy workplace.

Notwithstanding the initiatives undertaken, Italy notes with apprehension that child labour, sexual violence and exploitation of children are still widespread in the country. While commending Bangladesh for the adoption of the 2010 National Education Policy, Italy **recommends** Bangladesh to enact the Integrated Education Act, so as to ensure children's right to education by way of a coordinated legal framework, prescribing - inter alia - the extension of the compulsory primary school at least to 13 years age.

Noting with appreciation that the draft Children Act prohibits the meting out of death penalty on minors, Italy reiterates its **recommendation** to establish a moratorium on all death sentences and executions.

I thank you, Mr. President