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**Italian intervention**

**UPR – Canada  
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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Canada.

Italy applauds Canada's outstanding commitment in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

Italy welcomes the progress achieved in the last few years with regard to the implementation of CEDAW and the ratification of the ILO Convention No. <sup>23</sup>~~98~~, regarding forced labour. In the light of the recommendations proposed by Italy during the first UPR, we would like to learn:

1. If Canada upholds its opinion that a specific criminal offence of domestic violence does not have any added value, not even a cultural one, in the fight against such a detestable phenomenon;
2. How Canada is planning to improve the accountability and transparency of police investigation into acts of violence against indigenous women;
3. If Canada intends to ratify important ILO Conventions, in particular no. 98 and no. 138, respectively concerning the right to collective bargaining and the minimum age for employment;

Italy appreciates that more rigorous procedures have been established to limit the use of stunt guns, but believes that the relevant legislation may fall short proper standards. Italy **recommends** that Canada keep on reflecting on whether to revise the legal framework regarding the stunt guns, with a view of limiting their use to situations involving an imminent threat of death or serious injury.

I thank you, Mr. President