

**Italian intervention****UPR – Capo Verde  
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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished members of the delegation of Capo Verde.

Italy expresses its appreciation for Cape Verde's commitment in the promotion and protection of human rights, corroborated by the several effective measures adopted in the last few years to address the major areas of concern. Italy notes however that there are still some fields in which the engagement of Cape Verde should be strengthened, such as the rights of women, children and persons affected by disabilities. In particular, Italy **recommends** that further measures be adopted and resources be allocated to effectively support the implementation of the 2011 Gender-Based Violence Act so as to better address, prevent and punish episodes of discrimination and violence (including domestic violence) against women.

Concerning the rights of child, we would like to put the following questions:

- How does Capo Verde intend to adhere to the Human Rights Committee's advice to improve the mechanism for early detection, encouraging reporting of sexual abuses, violence and exploitation against children?
- Which measures – especially in the field of education and social reintegration – are envisaged in order to address the root causes of minor delinquency, guarantee the rights of the people concerned, and improve the legal framework in this area?

To conclude, Mr. President, Italy **recommends** that Capo Verde take stronger actions to put an end to cases of abuses and ill-treatment allegedly committed by police forces and prison guards, especially against juveniles.

I thank you, Mr. President