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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Chad and we thank them for the report provided.

Italy expresses its appreciation for the progress achieved by Chad after the previous cycle of UPR and for the commitment that Chad demonstrated in improving the situation of human rights. Italy particularly welcomes the ratification of the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Italy also welcomes the longstanding de facto moratorium on executions applied by Chad and would like to express gratitude for the support that Chad granted to the resolution on a universal moratorium at the last UN General Assembly. Italy notes however that death penalty is still part of Chad's criminal law and would thus like to ask if any legislative measure to amend the Criminal Code with a view to abolish the death penalty is currently under discussion.

Italy **recommends** that Chad continues to address the important issues related to the judicial reform and in particular the question of the living conditions of detainees, also by continuing to implement the PRAJUST Programme, launched with the support of the EU. Moreover, Italy **recommends** that episodes of abuses and violence committed by security forces on detainees be better prevented and the perpetrators duly punished.

Italy appreciates the actions that Chad has taken to strengthen the protection of women's rights and the progresses registered in women's education. Italy **recommends** that proper amendments to the Criminal Code may soon enter into force, in order to put it into line with the provisions enshrined, inter alia, in the Constitution of Chad and in order to continuing reinforcing the legal framework to protect women's rights, with the aim of effectively addressing any act of violence against women, including female genital mutilations and early and forced marriages, a practice which is sadly still too much widespread in the Country.

I thank you, Mr. President

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