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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of China.

Italy appreciates China's endeavor for a fairer and more harmonious society, aiming at ensuring that everybody enjoys a life of ever greater dignity, freedom and well-being. Italy also commends China for its constructive dialogue on human rights with the EU.

Italy welcomes the downward trend in executions. While inviting China to adopt a moratorium on executions, Italy **recommends** to:

- consider to further reduce the offences punishable by death penalty;
- publish the figures regarding death sentences and executions.

Furthermore, Italy suggests to China the following **recommendations**:

- to consider possible revisions of its legislation regarding administrative restrictions in order to provide a better protection of freedom of religion or belief;
- to enhance its cooperation with UN mechanisms by fixing a date for the visit of Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or belief.
- to increase efforts to regularly gather data on child abuse with the aim of supporting policy formulation process;
- to adopt further measure to fully ensure the right to education of children accompanying rural workers migrating to rural areas.

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I thank you, Mr. President