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**Italian intervention**

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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Mexico.

Italy commends Mexico for the ongoing endeavor to reform the constitution and legislation in order to increase the protection of human rights in different domains, such as freedom of expression, human rights defenders, women and justice. We are confident that Mexico will deploy equal resolve in implementing effectively all relevant legal reforms.

Italy welcomes the creation of the first “Centros de Justicia para las Mujeres” and notes with favour that some of them are already functioning. Italy **recommends** that additional “Centros de Justicia para las Mujeres” be soon installed to improve access to justice for women throughout the national territory.

Italy would also be interested to know whether the new criminal procedures facilitating the early conclusion of trials contain safeguards for women victims of crimes.

Italy encourages and supports training programme for security forces in the field of human rights. In this regard, Italy proposes to Mexico the following **recommendations**:

- To enhance the dissemination of information and figures regarding children and young persons who fall victims to the struggle against drug-trafficking;
- To complete without delay the reform aiming to restrict the jurisdiction of military courts.

I thank you, Mr. President