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Thank you, Mister President.

Italy welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cambodia and thanks it for its report and presentation.

We welcome the progress achieved so far by Cambodia in promoting and protecting human rights, and appreciates the steps taken by Cambodia to reduce domestic violence and raise awareness on the CEDAW. In this regard, Italy **recommends** Cambodia:

- to deploy further efforts in order to prevent and punish violence, including rapes, against women and children, and pay special attention to the most vulnerable families living in poor environment;
- to increase the awareness-raising campaign on the rights of women and children, involving journalists and media professionals as one of its focus groups.

Furthermore, Italy **recommends** Cambodia to step up efforts aimed at strengthening the independence of both the judiciary and the media.

While appreciating the Government's commitment to guaranteeing the land rights, Italy **recommends** Cambodia to increase measures to tackle illegal land evictions, including those against indigenous people, and consider fortifying the legislative framework consistently with international standards.

Finally, Italy would like to ask which further measures Cambodia intends to adopt to fight against corruption and improve the implementation of the principles of transparency, accountability, non-discrimination and meaningful participation.

I thank you, Mr. President