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Italian intervention

**UPR – Eritrea
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Thank you, Mister President.

Italy welcomes the distinguished delegation of Eritrea and its engagement in the UPR exercise, and **recommends** that Eritrea allow the ^{HRC} UN Special Rapporteur on Eritrea to visit the Country without further delay, and cooperate with her - *inter alia* - to show achievements and shortages in the field of human rights.

Italy notes with apprehension the reports on the use of torture in Eritrea. Italy **recommends** Eritrea to take all necessary steps to fully implement CAT's principles without further delay and accelerate the procedures to ratify it.

Italy is concerned by the recurrent reports on indefinite conscription that may amount to forced labour. In this regard, Italy **recommends** Eritrea to modify the regulation on conscription and organize it in a way consistent with the respects of human rights.

Recognizing the efforts to boost trade and investment in order to alleviate poverty and improve standard of living, Italy **recommends** Eritrea to take further measures to ensure the protection of the right of property ^{E.A.T.V} pursuant to international standards, including those provided by art.14 and 21 of the ACHPR and art.5 of the CERD.

Appreciating the Eritrean multicultural society, Italy notes that some categories are particular vulnerable to discrimination. In this regard, Italy **recommends** Eritrea to launch a national dialogue, as well as a campaign through media and in school, to tackle all forms of discrimination against LGTBI persons.

I thank you