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## Italian intervention

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Gracias Sr. Presidente.

Italia da la bienvenida a la distinguida delegación de Costa Rica, y le agradece la presentación de su detallado informe.

Italy commends Costa Rica for its commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights proved, inter alia, by the large number of international treaties ratified on this matter. We particularly appreciate the establishment of the Inter-Institutional Commission on Follow-Up to and Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations, and the measures taken at the national level to combat violence against women and monitor its trends.

Italy welcomes the attention Costa Rica is devoting to properly address the situation of indigenous people and the acceptance of the Special Rapporteur's recommendations. Noting that several concerns have been raised by CERD and other UN bodies regarding this issue, Italy **recommends** that further efforts be deployed in order to fully involve indigenous peoples on decisions and policies affecting their rights, including those regarding the territories where they live.

As far as the rights of the child are concerned, appreciating the work of the National Child Welfare Agency, Italy **recommends** that Costa Rica strengthen its efforts to combat domestic violence and violence against children and adolescents.

Welcoming the implementation of the AVANCEMOS program and the progress achieved in the field of education, Italy would like to ask if Costa Rica is envisaging further measures in order to include education on indigenous cultures in the national school curriculum, in line with what recommended by the CRC.

I thank you Mr. President