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**Italian intervention**

**UPR – Norway  
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Thank you, Mister President.

Italy welcomes the distinguished delegation of Norway and thanks it for its comprehensive report. Italy commends Norway for its noteworthy record in the field of promotion and protection of human rights, proved by its world's best performances in many areas, including its primacy in the UNDP Gender Inequality Index.

However, we note that, in spite of the measures taken, statistics on episodes of domestic violence have not improved since the first cycle of the UPR. In this regard, Italy would like to **recommend** Norway to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

Italy continues paying close attention to the treatment of persons with intellectual disabilities or mental disorders. While noting the existence of a debate on the limits to the allowed coercion, Italy **recommends** Norway to deploy further efforts in order to guarantee that any medical treatment to persons with intellectual disabilities or mental disorders be carried out in full respect of the human dignity of the patients concerned.

Treaty bodies and civil society organizations have expressed concerns about the use of Police custody in single-person cells. Italy acknowledges the intention of Norway to properly address this issue and **recommends** Norway to adopt prompt measures aimed at ensuring an adequate assessment of the need for solitary confinement in each case of police detention, as well as ensuring a stricter implementation of the 48 hours statutory limit to the use of such a short-term public-order measure.

Finally, Italy commends Norway for its outstanding dedication in the promotion of human rights worldwide.

I thank you