

Italian intervention

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Thank you Mr. President.

Italy welcomes the distinguished delegation of Angola and thanks them for the presentation and report.

We appreciate that Angola signed the Convention against torture in 2013. Italy **recommends** that Angola swiftly ratifies the Convention and adopts all necessary measures to enact it at the national level, in particular with regards to improving living standards in prison and preventing abuse and ill-treatment of detainees.

Paying great attention to the protection of the freedom of expression during political rallies and demonstrations, in particular concerning journalists, human right defenders and protesters, Italy **recommends** that Angola step up its efforts to prevent cases of arbitrary arrests, detention and torture, and that those responsible be brought to justice.

Welcoming the adoption of several legal instruments to enhance the role of women in family and society, and to ensure the full respect of their rights, Italy **recommends** Angola to enhance efforts to implement existing policy instruments aiming at protecting women's rights, and to enhance the support given to victims of violence, for example through adequate resourcing of counselling centres.

We also welcome the measures adopted since the last UPR cycle to protect the rights of child. In this area, Italy would like to reiterate the following **recommendations** in order for Angola to further its efforts:

1. to improve and facilitate access to education, in particular of girls;
2. to protect children accused of witchcraft from ill-treatment and abuse;
3. to stop child labour;
4. to improve the birth registration system.

I thank you.

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