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Italian intervention

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Gracias Sr. Presidente.

Italia da la bienvenida a la distinguida delegacion de Bolivia y le agradece la presentacion de su informe nacional.

Italy commends the positive developments registered in the Country since the previous UPR, and the new legislative instruments adopted by the Bolivian Authorities with the aim of furthering the enjoyment of human rights, in particular by vulnerable groups.

We welcome the efforts Bolivia undertook to improve the functioning of the judicial system, and encourage the Authorities to further engage on the reform of the justice sector and to tackle issues concerning delay of justice and overuse of protective custody. Italy **recommends** reinforcing existing legislation to ensure a fair judicial treatment, especially for the most vulnerable categories, such as women and children. Italy also **recommends** to take all necessary measures to ensure the independence and the correct operation of the judiciary.

Italy takes positive note of the recent Bolivian legislation to prevent and punish all forms of violence against women. Noting the increasing number of femicides, Italy **recommends** the Bolivian Government to swiftly adopt the necessary implementing legislation to ensure effective prevention of violence against women and punishment of the offenders. Italy also **recommends** to increase efforts to promote gender equality, especially with regards to work opportunities and health access, and to introduce gender components in education and professional training.

Italy welcomes the progress made to uphold children's rights in Bolivia, as well as concrete improvements registered in the area of health and education. Italy also notes the positive results of the Qalauma project, that receives the financial support of the Italian Government and promotes improved conditions for children in prison. Italy **recommends** to implement effective policies to tackle cases of physical, psychological and sexual abuse against children. Italy also **recommends** to ensure that the recently adopted legislation on the minimum legal age to work is properly applied.

I thank you Mr. President

Simona Battiloro