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Thank you, Mr President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and congratulate the Country for the progress achieved so far.

Italy welcomes the fact that Bosnia and Herzegovina is part of the core international human rights instruments and **recommends** to take further measures in order to ensure the effective implementation of the International Human Rights instruments and to enhance the coordination between the different institutional levels involved.

We take note that the death penalty is not prescribed by the criminal legislation of the Republika Srpska and **recommend** to repeal the death penalty provision in the Constitution of Republika Srpska, so that the existing moratorium gives way to the full abolition of the death penalty.

Recognizing the importance of establishing a multi-ethnic and multicultural environment in the education system, where children can learn how to respect and value cultural differences, Italy **recommends** to further efforts to foster intercultural dialogue, tolerance and understanding among the different communities and groups living in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Italy also **recommends** to take measures to make schools more inclusive, without any form of discrimination.

Expressing appreciation for the provisions adopted to combat corruption and organized crime, such as the Strategy and the Action plan 2009-2014, Italy **recommends** to continue strengthening anti-corruption policies and to ensure wider access to justice to every citizen, including through the provision of free legal assistance to the most vulnerable groups.

We appreciate the commitment on combating human trafficking and the strategy and action plan on the issue for the period 2011-2015. Italy **recommends** that enhanced efforts be made to establish and regularly update a country-wide database of human trafficking and to enhance the support and assistance offered to the victims of trafficking.

I thank you.