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**UPR – El Salvador
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Gracias Sr. Presidente.

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

Italy commends El Salvador 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 also congratulate El Salvador on the achievement of the MDG on maternal mortality ahead of schedule.

As far as international treaties are concerned, we attach great importance to the role of the International Criminal Court in fighting impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community. Italy therefore **recommends** El Salvador to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

We appreciate the measures taken so far by the Authorities in order to improve the enjoyment of the rights of the child, and in particular the setting of the minimum age for marriage at 18. Noting that the Committee on the Rights of the Child has raised some concerns with regards to the situation of children in El Salvador, Italy **recommends:**

- to promote measures aimed at preventing child labour and violence against children, in compliance with the ILO Conventions and the other relevant international instruments;
- to work on increasing the attendance rate of children at all levels of education, also with the aim of hampering and weakening the capability of criminal organizations to attract youngsters in the vicious circle of illegal activities and violence.

Italy welcomes the commitment shown by El Salvador towards the recognition of the rights of indigenous people, and the recent constitutional amendment adopted to this effect. With the aim of avoiding that discrimination against indigenous people may still occur in practice, Italy **recommends** the adoption of measures to further the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by indigenous people.

I thank you Mr. President