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Thank you Mr. President,

The Republic of Macedonia would like to welcome the delegation of Italy and to thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We acknowledge the inclusive process in Italy's preparation of the national report that included broad consultations on the national and at the international level. We highly appreciate hearings held at the Parliament and the dialogue conducted with the representatives of the CSO during the preparation of the report.

We commend Italy's ratification of important international documents since the first UPR cycle such as the ratification of the OPCAT.

Republic of Macedonia welcomes the Government's continued cooperation with international treaty bodies and their positive track-record of cooperating with several Special Procedures in the interim.

While noting Italy's efforts of developing a National Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, we do share the view that Italy should further step up its efforts to establish a NHRI fully in line with the Paris Principles.

The Republic of Macedonia appreciates the steps that are undertaken to streamline and improve the registration and processing of asylum requests from trans-Mediterranean migrants.

In the framework of the Minority rights, in our view, Italy is employing a large efforts to improve its legislation and is demonstrating practical actions in this regard. We note the adoption of the "National Strategy for the Inclusion of Roma, Sinti and Travellers Communities, 2012-2020, with the focus on improvement of their rights and closer integration in the society.

At the same time, we do share opinion of the CERD that Italy can do more to fight cases of racial violence against Roma and Sinti, as well as ensuring their security and integrity.

Mr. President,

We would like to pose the following questions to the Delegation:

In light of the recent legislative reform from 2012, what steps have been taken to align national legislation with the Rome Statute of the ICC?

Finally, we ask the Delegation to share its views on the impact of austerity measures taken to cope with Economic situation on the social and economic rights of its citizens

Thank you, Mr. President.

