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STATEMENT OF VIET NAM
By H.E. Mr. THANH T. NGUYEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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Mr. President,

Viet Nam warmly welcomes the Italian delegation and commends Italy's continued endeavors in protecting and promoting human rights, as illustrated in the report as well as in the succinct presentation of H.E, Mr. Lapo Pistelli, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Viet Nam highly appreciates the resolute commitments and recent steps taken by the Government of Italy in tackling discrimination especially on the basis of race or gender; maintaining measures to protect rights of vulnerable groups in the context of austerity; protecting rights of migrants, especially unaccompanied minors; protecting minorities, in particular the Roma, Sinti and Travellers; as well as in preventing human trafficking. As challenges in these areas remain ahead, we wish that the momentum created by these firm pledges by Italy could be sustained and further strengthened.

Italy's active participation and contribution to promoting cooperation and dialogue in the Human Rights Council is also commendable. With strong belief on Italy's commitments to human rights protection and promotion, and with focus on the rights of vulnerable groups, Viet Nam would like to make following recommendations:

1. Further introduce effective measures to enhance gender equity in the labour market;
2. Further institutionalise measures to protect and promote rights of the child, possibly including through reviewing, rebuilding and allocating sufficient funds to the implementation of bi-annual National Action Plans for Children.

Viet Nam wishes Italy every success in this 2nd UPR circle.

I thank you./.