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ENGLISH VERSION – CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY



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Mr. President,

Brazil thanks the delegation of Italy for its comprehensive report.

We note with satisfaction Italy's ratification of OP-CAT, as well as the country's leadership in favor of a global moratorium to the death penalty. Brazil welcomes the abolition of migration as an aggravating circumstance in criminal law and the decriminalization of irregular entry and stay in Italy, as recommended in the first cycle of UPR. We also recognize Italy's efforts to save lives at sea, particularly during the "Mare Nostrum" operation.

However, discriminatory treatment towards migrants and Roma still are a matter of concern. In addition, cases of violence and discrimination against migrants need to be duly addressed, with the identification of perpetrators, who must be held accountable, as

well as with the necessary support to the victims. We also stress the need for the adoption of specific legislation on violence against women.

Brazil wishes to recommend that Italy:

1. Adopt a national plan against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including measures to prevent and fight racist and xenophobic violence;
2. Ensure that every child, particularly unaccompanied minors, whether on the high seas or on its territory, who seeks to enter Italy, have the right to an individual consideration of his/her circumstances and is provided prompt access to asylum and other relevant national and international procedures and protective measures.

Thank you.