

Italian intervention

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Thank you, Mister President.

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Slovenia and thank them for their presentation and the comprehensive national report.

We commend Slovenia for the attention given to the promotion and protection of human rights, and we welcome the measures taken to prevent violence against women, and in particular the recent launch of the awareness-raising campaign “VESNA – to live a life free of violence”. As far as this subject is concerned, Italy would like to ask further information on the implementation of the 2009–2014 National program on Prevention of Family Violence (NPPFV) and whether any lessons learnt or best practices have been already identified. Is Slovenia considering the development of a new program on this issue?

We also take positive note of the efforts deployed by Slovenia to improve the enjoyment by Roma of their rights. Italy would like to ask the distinguished delegation of Slovenia to kindly provide further details on the new national strategy for the protection of the Roma community for the period 2015-2020.

As far as the use of minority languages is concerned, Italy appreciates the measures taken so far and **recommends** Slovenia to continue to devote great attention to the effective implementation of the existing legislative framework on the use of the minority languages. In this regard, Italy **recommends** to adopt the necessary measures in order to better comply with the recommendations on the use of minority languages released by the Council of Europe, with particular reference to the rights of the autochthonous Italian minority.

Let me conclude by wishing Slovenia every success in its UPR.

I thank you Mr. President