

Italian intervention

**UPR – Guinea
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Merci, M. le Président.

L'Italie salue la distinguée délégation de la Guinée et le Chef de la délégation, Son Excellence le Ministre pour les Droits de l'Homme et les Liberté Publiques, M. Kalifa Gassama Diaby.

Italy commends Guinea for the progress achieved so far, and in particular for its commitment towards gender equality and the protection of women from harmful practices. We also welcome the ratification of a number of international instruments since the last cycle of the UPR. We share the opinion expressed in the national report on the importance of education, and we commend the decision to include human rights education in school curricula.

Italy would like to make the following **recommendations** to Guinea:

1. To make all efforts to apply existing national legislation in order to reduce the current rate of FGM in the Country, including effective criminal prosecution of the practice, appropriate awareness campaigns, and education in schools.
2. To enhance efforts to fight all forms of discrimination against women by ensuring effective implementation of the existing legislation, by implementing a policy of equal work for equal pay, by developing a comprehensive national strategy to facilitate equal access of girls and women to all levels and fields of education.
3. To consider taking all necessary steps to introduce a de jure moratorium on capital executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty, and to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
4. To decriminalize all homosexual activities and not to adopt any discriminatory measures against people on the basis of their sexual orientation.
5. To intensify efforts to prosecute all alleged crimes of torture and illegal detention perpetrated by Armed and Security Forces.

I thank you.