

Italian Intervention

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**UPR – Guinea Bissau
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Thank you Mr President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Guinea Bissau and thank them for their presentation and report.

Italy welcomes the commitments demonstrated by Guinea Bissau in the fields of human rights

Italy commends Guinea Bissau for the recently adopted legislation aimed at fighting discrimination and violence against women and recommends to ensure its effective implementation

Italy welcomes the National Action Plan to Combat Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) which is due to expire in 2015 and recommends to assess its implementation. Italy also recommends to identify lessons learnt and to develop a new Action Plan to reduce the incidence of this heinous practice.

Italy commends Guinea Bissau for having included provisions to protect the rights of the child in a number of domestic laws and recommends to take appropriate measure to address the economic exploitation of children and ensure the full respect of their rights in compliance with international standards set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and ILO fundamental Conventions.

I thank you.