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**Italian intervention**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Guyana, and thank them for their presentation and their presence here today.

We commend Guyana for the progress achieved so far in the protection of human rights, and in particular for the measures taken in order to further the respect of women's rights.

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

1. Consider taking all necessary steps to introduce a de jure moratorium on capital executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty, and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. 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 and by developing a comprehensive national strategy to facilitate equal access of girls and women to all levels and fields of education.
3. Ensure thorough investigation of all allegations of extrajudicial killings and use of excessive force by the police.
4. Strengthen the independence of the Police Complaints Authority and provide it with adequate funding and resources.
5. Decriminalise homosexuality and combat all forms of discrimination and abuse against LGBTI persons.

I thank you.