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**Italian intervention**

**UPR – Kiribati**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Kiribati, and thank them for their presentation and report.

Italy welcomes the commitment demonstrated by Kiribati in the field of human rights, and commends the Authorities on the actions taken so far.

Noting that Kiribati is already analyzing the possibility to accede to a number of HR instruments, Italy **recommends** to sign and ratify those core international human rights instruments to which Kiribati is not yet a party, particularly the ICCPR and its first and second protocols. Italy also **recommends** that Kiribati accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully implement its provisions.

We welcome the measures taken to address gender-based violence and promote women's rights, and in particular the adoption of the *National Approach to Eliminating Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Kiribati: Policy and Action Plan 2011-2021*. Italy **recommends** that Kiribati take all necessary measures to address domestic violence and sexual harassment as well as social discrimination against women, in accordance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

To conclude, we would like to **encourage** Kiribati to refrain from taking into consideration any proposal or plan to reintroduce the death penalty in the Country.

I thank you.