

Italian Intervention

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**UPR Lesotho
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Thank you Mr President,

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

Italy welcomes the commitment demonstrated by the Kingdom of Lesotho in the field of human rights and the number of laws that have been enacted in this regard.

Italy commends Lesotho for upholding a de facto moratorium on the death penalty and recommends to consider taking all necessary steps to introduce a de iure moratorium on capital executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty. Italy also recommends to Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Italy welcomes the enacting of the Legal Capacity of Married Persons Act 2006 and recommends to enhance efforts to fight all forms of discrimination against women by ensuring effective implementation of existing legislation. Italy also recommends to Investigate all cases of domestic violence in collaboration with the civil society engaged in this field and to Develop a comprehensive national strategy to facilitate equal access of girls and women to all levels and fields of education.

Italy commends the Kingdom of Lesotho for the adoption of a number of policies that enhance protection and promotion of the rights of the child and recommends to deploy further efforts to prevent child labour and to avoid the drop out from school of minors, with particular reference to the herd boys, ensuring a full implementation of the Education Act of 2010.

I thank you.