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Gracias Sr. Presidente.

Italia da la bienvenida a la distinguida delegación de España encabezada por Su Excelencia el Secretario de Estado de Asuntos Exteriores, D. Ignacio Ibáñez Rubio, y le agradece la presentación de su muy completo informe nacional.

Italy welcomes the priority attached by Spain to the promotion and protection of human rights. We commend the Authorities on the institution of the post of National Rapporteur on human trafficking and on the numerous actions taken to promote gender equality and eliminate discrimination on the basis of gender.

Respectfully offering the example of the legislation aimed at promoting further gender balance in the private sector that Italy adopted in 2011, we **recommend** Spain to consider adopting a new legislation that compels public companies to reserve a quota of their non-executive board seats for women.

Also building on our national experience, we **recommend** Spain to promote the establishment of an Inter-ministerial Committee on Human Rights in order to further improve coordination between the various national administrations and to increase the effectiveness of the Human Rights Office.

Lastly, welcoming the sectoral plans adopted to implement specific rights, we would like to ask the Secretary of State if he would kindly share any news there might be about the status of the review by the Parliament of the new National Plan on Human Rights.

Déjenme concluir deseandole a España todo éxito en su EPU.

Gracias.