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Italian Intervention

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Thank you Mr President,

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

Italy acknowledges that the 2009 Discrimination Act and the Equality Ombudsman are important instruments to address increasingly reported cases of discrimination. Italy notes the concerns of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the lack of a broader mandate for the Equality Ombudsman.

Italy notes the progress made in view of the ratification of ILO Convention no. 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples. Italy would like to ask when the recently appointed committees of inquiry are expected to conclude their work and when it may be possible to proceed with the ratification of the Convention.

Italy welcomes the measures taken so far by Sweden to safeguard children from sexual exploitation, but also notes that in 2012 the Committee on the Rights of the Child expressed concerns on the low level of public awareness of child sex tourism. Italy recommends that Sweden takes appropriate measures to implement the recommendations of the Committee, including through education and awareness-raising campaigns.

Italy finally recommends that Sweden implements the 2014 recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to ensure that all medical treatments are provided with free and informed consent and that no one is confined against his will in medical facilities on the basis of actual or perceived disability.

We thank you.