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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Italy commends Bulgaria's commitment in the promotion and protection of human rights, and particularly welcomes the priority assigned to education in the field of human rights, and to the fight against all forms of discrimination.

Italy would like to make Bulgaria two **recommendations**:

1. Sign and ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.
2. Ensure effective implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategy (2012–2020), including by identifying lessons learnt and best practises in the implementation of the first phase.

To conclude, Mr. President, we wish Bulgaria every success in its UPR.

I thank you.