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Italian intervention

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Gracias Sr. Presidente.

Italia da la bienvenida a la distinguida delegación de Honduras, y le agradece la presentación de su informe nacional.

Italy welcomes the Public Policy and National Action Plan on Human Rights for 2013–2022 and the actions taken to ensure human rights training for military personnel and police forces, and to combat violence against women and children. Italy **recommends** to guarantee protection and effective access to justice to women victims of violence, including by ensuring that perpetrators are brought to justice and by providing sufficient resources and targeted training to law enforcement, the judiciary and health-service personnel.

We **recommend** Honduras to enhance efforts to create a safe environment for Human Rights Defenders and journalists. Italy also **recommends** to ensure effective implementation of the “Ley de Protección de Defensores de Derechos Humanos, Periodistas, Comunicadores Sociales y Operadores de Justicia” and provide adequate resources to establish an effective protection mechanism for Human Rights Defenders.

As far as the judiciary sector is concerned, Italy **recommends** to strengthen and guarantee the autonomy, independence and impartiality of the judiciary, including by adopting safeguards to prevent irregular dismissals and appointments of judges.

Déjenme concluir deseándole a Honduras todo éxito en su EPU.

Gracias.