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Italian intervention

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Italy particularly welcomes Malawi's engagement in combating harmful practices such as child early and forced marriage and female genital mutilations, and encourages the Authorities to further engage on these issues.

Taking note with appreciation of the progress achieved so far in the promotion and protection of human rights, Italy would like to make the following **recommendations**:

1. Consider taking all necessary steps to introduce a de jure moratorium on capital executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Repeal all legal provisions criminalizing sexual activities between people of the same sex.
3. Combat all forms of discrimination including against albinos and persons with disabilities.
4. Adopt and ensure effective implementation of existing legislative proposals to improve conditions in prisons in line with international standards.
5. Enact appropriate measures and legislation to fight against all forms of discrimination and violence against women.

I thank you.