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Thank you, Mr. President.

Italy welcomes the distinguished delegation of Myanmar, and thanks it for the presentation of its Report.

We commend Myanmar for the continued progress towards democratization and national reconciliation. The reforms undertaken by the Government have contributed to improving the human rights situation in the Country. We encourage you to continue along this path.

Italy welcomes Myanmar's accession to various international human rights instruments and recommends to ratify the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention against Torture.

We note with appreciation the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience and we recommend to further ensure that those who legitimately exercise their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly be not subject to reprisals.

We commend Myanmar for the efforts made to protect women's rights. We recommend to further promote women' rights trough increased participation in political, socio-economic and administrative decision making processes.

We recommend to review the recently adopted "protection of race and religion" laws to ensure that they are in line with Myanmar's human rights treaty obligations and that they adequately protect the rights of persons belonging to minority groups.

We welcome the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry earlier this year to investigate cases of excessive use of force by the police and we recommend that the findings of the Commission of Inquiry be disclosed.

I thank you.