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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Rwanda, and thank them for the presentation of their National Report.

Italy commends Rwanda for the progress made in the promotion and protection of Human Rights and for the high percentage of previous UPR recommendations implemented. We note with appreciation the efforts made to integrate the human rights dimension in Rwanda's Constitution and national laws, including the work to finalize a National Human Rights Plan of Action for the promotion and protection of human rights. We also note with appreciation the adoption of the Justice for Children Policy and Strategic Plan (2014 to 2019) and the establishment of a Joint Action Development Forum (JADF) to improve aid effectiveness and management for development results with the participation of civil society and development partners. We encourage the Government of Rwanda to pursue this reform path.

We would like to take this opportunity to make the following recommendations:

- ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED) and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC);
- establish independent children's courts and review the role and functioning of the Child Protection Committees in order to enhance their effectiveness;
- investigate all allegations of torture and ill-treatment during interrogations in some detention facilities by the police and security forces;
- provide compulsory human rights training in police academies;
- adopt a comprehensive policy against human trafficking and establish a mechanism to provide support to victims, in particular to children exploited in the commercial sex industry and trafficked for prostitution.

I thank you