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Statement by India

Mr. President,

India extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Belgium.

2. We commend the efforts towards awareness-raising of human rights issues through media and training of judges, police, and other professionals. We also take note with appreciation of the fact that Belgium is up-to-date with the submission of its periodic reports to the treaty bodies.
3. We **recommend** an early establishment of a national human rights institution in Belgium.
4. We note with concern the reported use of excessive force by law enforcement officials especially police brutalities against the immigrant communities.
5. We **recommend** an early and adequate action to curb structural discrimination against persons of foreign origin in the field of employment. We urge the government to address issues relating to intolerance against migrant communities, asylum seekers and ethnic minorities including the Roma community. In this regard, we request the delegation to share the details about the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategy.

Thank you, Mr. President.
