

Italian intervention

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Estonia, and we would like to thank them for their national report and the presentation they shared with us today.

Italy welcomes the priority recognized by Estonia to the protection and promotion of human rights, and the design and creation of new mechanisms and bodies, such as the Ombudsman for children, the Gender Equality Council and the Independent monitoring mechanism of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We also find the introduction of the i-voting a very interesting tool to allow and deepen the exercise of rights not only offline but also online.

Italy welcomes the new legislative measures aiming at promoting gender equality, and would like to **recommend** Estonia to prioritize the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

We would also like to **recommend** to further promote large-scale awareness raising campaigns to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence.

We wish Estonia a successful UPR.

Thank you.