

Italian intervention

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Italy welcomes the distinguished delegation of Mozambique, and thanks it for the presentation of the National Report.

Italy commends Mozambique for its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and for the progress achieved since the last cycle of the UPR in enhancing its legal and institutional framework. Italy also notes with appreciation the commitment of the Government of Mozambique to further ratify or accede to key international legal instruments to which is not yet a party to, as well as its positive cooperation with international and regional special procedures mechanisms.

Italy encourages the Government of Mozambique to continue its efforts to promote and protect human rights and would like to make the following recommendations:

- Ensure effective implementation of the new National Strategy to prevent and eradicate early marriages.
- Strengthen the implementation of existing legislation and promote awareness-raising activities aimed at protecting women's rights, at increasing girls' enrolment rate in schools and at fighting against all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence.
- Prioritize reform of the prison system in order to improve the living conditions of detainees. Ensure thorough investigation of any allegation of ill-treatment and use of excessive force by police forces. Prosecute those who have committed such crimes.

I thank you