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UPR – Antigua and Barbuda

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Antigua and Barbuda and thank them for their national report and presentation.

Italy commends Antigua and Barbuda for the steps taken since the first cycle of the UPR in order to enhance the protection of human rights. We particularly welcome the recent ratification of the CRPD and the commitment to alleviate and eradicate poverty, together with the attention devoted to women's rights and gender equality also through the creation of the Directorate of Gender Affairs.

We take positive note of the legislative measures taken in order to enhance the protection of the rights of the child, and **recommend** Antigua and Barbuda to implement recent legislation on the rights of the child and to strengthen efforts to prevent and combat all forms of discrimination and violence against children and other vulnerable groups, including through awareness-raising campaigns, dedicated training of law-enforcement personnel and adequate support to victims of violence.

Congratulating the Authorities on the steps aimed at combating human trafficking, among which the decision to appoint a dedicated committee, Italy **recommends** to ensure effective implementation of the legislation against trafficking of human beings and to enhance support to the victims of trafficking, especially women and children.

We also **recommend** to ratify the ICCPR and the ICESCR. Lastly, we **recommend** to consider taking all necessary steps to establish a de jure moratorium on executions with a view to fully abolishing the death penalty.

Italy wishes Antigua and Barbuda every success in the current review.

Thank you.