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UPR – St. Vincent and the Grenadines

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and we thank them for their report and presentation.

Italy welcomes the progress achieved since the first cycle of the UPR, and the steps taken in order to implement the recommendations, as detailed in the national report. We commend the Authorities in particular for the attention devoted to the rights of women and children through the adoption of the Children Care and Adoption Act of 2011 and of the Domestic Violence Act of 2015.

We would like to offer the following recommendations to the kind attention of the delegation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Consider taking all necessary steps to introduce a de jure moratorium of capital executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty.
3. Decriminalize homosexuality and oppose all forms of discrimination and abuse against LGBTI persons.

Let me conclude by wishing St. Vincent and the Grenadines a successful UPR.

Thank you.