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UPR – Suriname

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Suriname, and we thank them for their report and presentation.

Italy commends Suriname for the progress achieved since the first cycle of the UPR, and in particular for the decision to abolish the death penalty in the criminal code. We **recommend** Suriname to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, and to take all necessary steps to abolish the death penalty in the military code.

We welcome the attention devoted by Suriname to the rights of the child and especially the steps taken in order to combat child labor. We concur with the view expressed in the report and regarding the usefulness and effectiveness of a national action plan in order to properly tackle the issue. In this regard, Italy **recommends** Suriname to adopt a new national action plan for the eradication of child labor and ensure its effective implementation.

Welcoming the fact that Suriname is part to many international Human Rights instruments, we **recommend** to ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict, and to sign and ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW.

We wish Suriname a successful UPR.

Thank you.