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UPR – Tajikistan

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Italy welcomes Tajikistan's commitment to the UPR and the steps taken since its first cycle. We particularly commend the Authorities for the measures taken in order to prevent torture, also by the introduction of a dedicated article in the criminal code. With a view to deepen progress on this matter, we **recommend** Tajikistan to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Italy also welcomes the awareness-raising campaigns and the ongoing internal discussion on the abolition of death penalty as expressed in the national report, and **recommends** Tajikistan to fully abolish the death penalty.

We welcome the measures taken in order to protect women's rights and combat violence against women, such as the adoption of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act and of the Domestic Violence Prevention Programme 2014-2023. In order to ensure the full effectiveness of these tools, we **recommend** Tajikistan to reinforce the legal framework for the prevention of discrimination and violence against women.

Italy also **recommends** to adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination law, providing a definition of direct and indirect discrimination.

We wish Tajikistan a successful UPR.

Thank you.