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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania and thank them for their national report and presentation.

Italy congratulates Tanzania for the measures taken since the first cycle of the UPR in order to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights. We particularly welcome the attention devoted to human rights education and training through the Medium Term Human Rights Education strategic Plan.

We also commend Tanzania for the steps taken in order to promote gender equality and especially for the criminalization of FGM and the implementation of the successful campaign 'Stop Female Genital Mutilation'. With a view to further advancing women's rights, Italy **recommends** to adopt legislative and policy measures to combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women.

We note that Tanzania is exploring the possibility to ratify the international instruments to which it is not yet a party. On this matter, we would like to **recommend** Tanzania to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance, CAT and its Optional Protocol.

Also taking note that, as mentioned in the national report, the main reason that has till now prevented Tanzania from ratifying CAT is the retention of death penalty, **Italy** recommends to consider taking all necessary steps to establish a de jure moratorium on executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty.

We wish Tanzania all the best in this current review.

Thank you.