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**UPR 45 – Belize**

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Thank you, Mister President.

We thank the distinguished delegation of Belize for their national report and presentation.

Italy appreciates the commitment of Belize to the UPR and welcomes efforts to improve the protection of human rights at national level, including with regard to women’s empowerment and the fight against gender-based violence and domestic violence. We also note positively the measures to combat human trafficking and prosecute related crimes.

Italy would like to recommend to:

* *In line with the de-facto moratorium in place since 1985 in the country, consider supporting the next resolution on a moratorium at the United Nations General Assembly as a first step towards abolishing the death penalty.*
* *Take the necessary measures to prevent the long-term detention of migrants, especially of migrant children.*
* *Ensure full and effective implementation of the “Roadmap to end child marriage and early unions” and continue efforts to combat violence against women, including by enacting more specific and stringent legislation and by strengthening the implementation of the National Gender-based Violence Plan of Action.*

We wish the delegation of Belize a successful review.

I thank you.