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Thank you, Mister President.

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

Italy appreciates the commitment of Slovakia to the promotion of human rights at international level and the efforts to improve the protection of human rights at national level, including with regard to gender equality and the *Strategy for Equality, Inclusion and Participation of Roma until 2030*. Italy commends Slovakia for the assistance and support provided to people fleeing the war in Ukraine. We also welcome the ratification of the *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture*.

Italy would like to recommend to:

* *1. Adopt further measures aimed at promoting an effective integration of Roma communities and other marginalized or vulnerable groups, particularly by ensuring equal access to education and health care services;*
* *2. Guarantee a safe and secure environment for journalists and promote media freedom*;
* *3. Further consider the possibility of ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.*

We wish the delegation of Slovakia a successful review.

I thank you.