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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the delegation of Italy at today’s UPR and expresses its appreciation for its report.

Cyprus commends Italy on its progress since its last review, notably the ratification of the Kampala amendments of the Rome Statute of the ICC, and the adoption, in March 2022, of the National Child Guarantee Action Plan. We commend Italy’s leadership in preserving cultural heritage through its multilateral engagement and we note positively the measures adopted to close the gender pay gap.

Cyprus recommends Italy to:

1. Accelerate efforts towards the establishment of a NHRI aligned with the Paris Principles.
2. Step up its efforts to develop and adopt the new national plan against racism, xenophobia and intolerance.
3. Adopt comprehensive legislation to combat trafficking in persons.
4. Reinforce the implementation of the normative framework aimed at preventing, combating and punishing all forms of violence against women.

Thank you.

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