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**Statement by India during the 4th Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Italy in the 48th Session of UPR Working Group (20 to 31 January 2025) delivered by Mr. Kshitij Tyagi, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva, 20 Jan 2025**

**Mr. President,**

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Italy and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. We appreciate the measures taken by Italy to combat human trafficking and welcome the adoption of the National Action Plan Against Trafficking and Serious Exploitation of Human Beings.

3. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we recommend the following to Italy:

* **One**, Continue efforts to combat discrimination against Roma, Sinti and Camminati communities;

**Two,** Expedite the establishment of an independent national human rights institution.

**And Three,** Continue efforts to combat labour exploitation, particularly in the agriculture sector.

5. We wish Italy a successful UPR review.

**Thank you.**