

**Statement by the delegation of the Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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**Review of Italy, 20 January 2025 (09:00-12:30)**

* Mr. President,
* My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Italy to this UPR Cycle and thanks for the comprehensive report.
* The Lao PDR commends positive steps undertaken by Italian Government to promote and protect human rights in the country, including the implementation of national family policies to support parents and children. We also commend Italy’s multilateral development cooperation and the provision of ODA.
* In a constructive spirit, the Lao PDR would like to offer two recommendations:
1. Continue its engagement in international development cooperation through the contributions of ODA, especially to least developed countries; and
2. Strengthen the implementation of national policies and measures on family to fulfilling the basic needs and welfare of all families.
* We wish Italy a successful review.
* I thank you, Mr. President.