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**Statement by Slovakia**

20 January 2025

Mr. President,

Warm Benvenuti to the Italian delegation.

Slovakia commends Italy for taking a number of positive steps to address human rights related issues since the last UPR review.

In particular, we value **the continuous political and human rights support** of the President of Italian Republic, as well as the current Italian government and public institutions to combat all forms of racial and xenophobic hatred.

We **recommend** following**:**

* encourage relevant authorities to further improve hate crime recording systems and focus on increased training of teachers and public officers on all forms of racism such as anti-Semitism and hate speech, particularly online;
* enhance efforts to ensure access to education for all children without discrimination, in particular children belonging to ethnic minorities; and
* adopt comprehensive legislation to combat trafficking in persons and to prosecute and punish traffickers and their accomplices.

We wish Italy a successful review.