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Thank you, Madam President.

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

Italy welcomes the measures aimed at promoting gender equality and eliminating gender-based violence, including the adoption of the first *National Action Plan on the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security* in Latvia for 2020-2025.

Italy also welcomes the adoption of the Law on the discontinuation of the Non-citizen’s Status for children, automatically *granting Latvian citizenship to all children born after 1st January 2020 irrespective of their parents’ status.*

Italy seizes this opportunity to offer Latvia the following recommendations:

* *Continue fighting gender-based violence and prioritise the swift ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.*
* *Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.*
* *Continue efforts to reduce statelessness and facilitate the acquisition of nationality by non-citizens.*

We wish Latvia a successful review.

I thank you.