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Thank you, Madam President.

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

Italy welcomes the establishment in 2019 of the *Truth, Reconciliation, and National Unity Commission (TRNUC)*. We also welcome the commitment to strengthen the prevention of gender-based violence, including through the *Domestic Violence Bill* adopted in 2020, the decriminalisation of same sex relationships and the prohibition of all corporal punishment of children.

Italy seizes this opportunity to offer Seychelles the following recommendations:

* *Adopt measures to address trafficking in persons, including child, especially trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation.*
* *Continue the efforts to prevent gender-based violence and to assist the victims.*
* *Consider acceding to the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture and to the Optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.*
* *Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure and the Optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*

We wish Seychelles a successful review.

I thank you.