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Thank you, Mister President.

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

Italy welcomes the adoption of the National Human Rights Plan 2022-2026 as well as the measures to increase women’s empowerment and enhance their participation in public life and labour market.

Italy seizes this opportunity to offer Bahrain the following recommendations:

* *Consider adopting a de jure moratorium of capital executions with a view to fully abolishing the death penalty for all crimes.*
* *Take measures to further limit all forms of torture - including ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture - and ensure full accountability for violations and abuses.*
* *Continue efforts aimed at creating a safer and enabling environment for increasing levels of freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.*

We wish Bahrain a successful review.

I thank you.