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My delegation welcomes Hon. Undersecretary di Stefano (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy) and thanks him for the presentation of the national report.

Georgia welcomes measures introduced by the Government of Italy aimed at improving the promotion and protection of human rights within the current review cycle.

We commend the work of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Human rights (CIDU) and welcome the amendments to Juvenile penitentiary system, which introduce alternative measures to detention, as well as to Criminal Code, which provide greater protection for the victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

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We also welcome the adoption of the National Action Plan against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and the National Strategic Plan on male violence against women.

We recommend the Government of Italy:

* To continue its efforts to establish the Independent National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.
* To take further steps toward fighting against trafficking in persons, especially in women and girls by adopting the new National Anti-Trafficking Action Plan.

We wish the Delegation of Italy successful UPR.