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**Statement by**

**the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

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Mr. President,

Guyana thanks the Italian Delegation for the presentation of their national report.

We note the positive progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights in Italy. We applaud the Government and civil society organizations for their commitment to protecting the rights of the country’s vulnerable groups.

In particular, Guyana welcomes the legislative, judicial, institutional and policy measures taken, by Italy, to curb racism and other forms of discrimination. We encourage the Government to develop a comprehensive anti-discrimination strategy and recommend that an effective educational strategy, involving school teachers and public officers, be designed to promote cultural and racial diversity.

Mr. President, we also recognize the efforts of Italy to ensure the Human Rights of migrants, by way of its three corridors. We commend Italy for their grace and generosity in this regard, and wish them a successful review.

I thank you.