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### **Interactive dialogue with the Fact-Finding Mission on Libya**

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**Statement delivered by Ambassador Vincenzo Grassi,  
Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva**

*Mister President,*

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU.

We welcome the final report presented by the Fact-Finding Mission and commend its members for their excellent work and substantial contribution to advance the protection of human rights and accountability process in Libya. Their work provides important guidelines for the way ahead.

Italy remains deeply concerned by widespread human rights violations and abuses in Libya as extensively documented by the FFM, including attacks against civilians, arbitrary detention, enforced disappearances, sexual and gender-based violence. Ensuring accountability and restoring justice are a key step towards true dialogue and national reconciliation. Furthermore, Italy strongly supports initiatives aimed at combating trafficking in human beings and assisting migrants and refugees.

Libya is a key country along the Central Mediterranean route and Italy is committed to its cooperation and dialogue with the Libyan authorities on strengthening migration management and respect for human rights. In this light, Italy commends Libya for its initiative to keep the human rights situation on the agenda of this Council and to enhance national capacities in the field of human rights, to also follow up on the work of the FFM.

We call on Libyan authorities to cooperate with the United Nations human rights system and we will continue to support Libya to address human rights violations and to strengthen the role of civil society in achieving transitional justice and national unity.

*I thank you*