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co-operation and capacity-building**

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Delivered by Ambassador Vincenzo Grassi, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva

Mr. President,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and welcomes the report of the OHCHR.

This year we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which has strongly contributed to place human dignity and fundamental freedoms at the centre of all United Nations efforts, based on the nexus between human rights, peace and security, as well as social and economic development.

Technical cooperation and capacity building in the field of human rights play a crucial role in renewing efforts to achieve the *Sustainable Development Goals*, in preventing crisis, in building more resilient societies, and in sustaining peace. These are also primary objectives of the Italian cooperation system, which attaches great importance to fostering an inclusive dialogue between policy-makers and all relevant actors, including civil society organizations, with the view to promote human rights in third countries.

The work of the OHCHR is pivotal for delivering technical cooperation and capacity building on the ground and Italy, which firmly supports the Office's activities, is looking into the possibility of increasing its financial contribution.

Italy stands ready to continue engaging with the UN system, other States, private sector and civil society in order to promote coherent actions to address the root causes of human rights violations and abuses and to remove the structural obstacles that lie behind inequalities and discrimination.

I thank you