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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 EU statement and thanks the Special Rapporteur for his report.

Italy stands firmly committed to combating trafficking in persons and the serious human rights violations associated with it. This complex phenomenon poses a serious threat to international peace and security and demands adequate protection for the victims, especially the most vulnerable.

We express deep concern about the increasing links between transnational organized crime, terrorism and trafficking networks. Large movements of people can facilitate trafficking, while unsafe and irregular migration routes expose individuals to abuse.

Particularly at risk are women and girls, who may face forced marriages, sexual slavery and exploitation, forced labour and domestic servitude.

Through the adoption of the National Action Plan against trafficking and serious exploitation of human beings (2022-2025), Italy has consistently pursued a comprehensive approach – from prevention, through protection of victims, to prosecution and conviction of traffickers.

Italy remains committed to strengthening international cooperation and safeguarding the victims of human trafficking at both national and international levels, especially women and children, including unaccompanied minors.

Thank you.