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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 her report.

To this day, the worldwide perpetration of violence, especially sexual violence, against women and girls is still a deeply concerning issue. Italy remains steadfast in its commitment to ensure the safety of all everywhere, including in the context of armed conflict, and actively promotes international campaigns against abhorrent practices such as female genital mutilation and child, early and forced marriage.

Physical and psychological abuse at all level of society is still vastly widespread. Mistreatment and humiliation of women is still prevalent, demanding a more effective concerted action to prevent violence in all its forms.

We express deep concern for the new emerging forms of violence highlighted in the Special Rapporteur's latest report, including technology-facilitated violence, particularly when they go unrecognized and unreported.

Let us work together to remove all obstacles that prevent women and girls from enjoying the rights to their very existence.

Thank you