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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 Working Group for its report.

The fight against all forms of discrimination against women and girls remains a long-standing priority for Italy. We believe that economic empowerment and equal opportunities in access to education, training and career advancement are key in this direction.

As highlighted in the report, one of the most pressing challenges in this fight is the disproportional impact of care and support work on women and girls, while its heavy burden often does not allow them to pursue personal and professional growth.

Along with ensuring accessibility to public care services and social protection, promoting a fair distribution between women and men of care work within the family and the household is a crucial step towards gender equality.

This also entails removing stereotypes and cultural barriers impeding women and girls' access to all fields of studies and work, including science, technology and finance, as well as supporting women's entrepreneurship and leadership positions in policy-making processes.

Thank you