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**Delivered by Minister Stefano Pisotti, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations  
in Geneva**

*Mr. President,*

Italy aligns itself with the EU statement and thanks the High Commissioner for his presentation. We are deeply concerned about the report's findings, particularly the backsliding of the rule of law following the recent constitutional reform.

We deplore the alarming deterioration of the human rights situation in Nicaragua, especially undue restrictions on freedom of association, peaceful assembly, expression, as well as severe limitations on the freedom of religion or belief, notably the warring targeting of the Catholic Church.

Italy condemns the practice of arbitrary arrest and detention against individuals not aligned with the government – such as political opponents, human rights defenders, journalists, civil society members and entrepreneurs – who also face expulsions, confiscation of property, and revocation of nationality.

We call on the Nicaraguan authorities to engage in constructive dialogue and cooperation with the OHCHR and the UN human rights mechanisms, including the UPR, also by granting access to the country, and urge them to uphold their obligation to respect, protect and fulfil the human rights of all.

*Mr High Commissioner,*

*What measures do you see as most effective to restore civic and democratic space, as well as political pluralism in Nicaragua?*

Thank you.