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Mr. President,

VIDES International on behalf of this NGO coalition, welcomes Italy's support to a significant number of recommendations made by Member States during its second UPR. We would like to call attention to recommendations that have particular relevance for the rights of children, women and migrants.¹

With regard to **children's rights**, we commend Italy's support of recommendations on providing inclusive education for all, and urge the Government to **pay special attention to the integration of children with disabilities, Roma children and unaccompanied foreign minors into the formal education system, by eradicating persisting discriminatory practices against them² and providing adequate conditions of protection, reception and integration for unaccompanied minors arriving in Italy.**

While welcoming Italy's acceptance of recommendations against prostitution and **trafficking in children and women³**, we stress that the number of identified trafficked or exploited victims, especially undocumented migrants, has progressively increased in Italy⁴. We call on the Government to **promptly adopt effective measures to address this pressing issue.**

Finally, we share the serious concerns expressed by several Member States about **violence against women and their discrimination in various contexts, including the workplace.** Accordingly, many young people in Italy are currently suffering for **unemployment and abusive working conditions.** We, therefore, **urge the Government to eradicate multiple forms of discrimination against women and take measures to combat unemployment and underemployment especially with regard to young people and women, in accordance with relevant UPR recommendations.⁵**

Thank you, Mr. President.

¹ Recommendations N° 145.91 – 93. See UN Doc A/HRC/28/4.

² Recommendations N° 145.13, 145.125, 145.128, 145.141–156, 145.181. *Ibidem*.

³ Recommendations N° 145.118 – 124. *Ibidem*.

⁴ *Punto e a capo sulla tratta*, Presentazione del 1° Rapporto di ricerca sulla tratta di persone e il grave sfruttamento, 2013, p. 4. (Source Caritas Italiana *et al.*)

⁵ Recommendations N° 145.23, 145.56 – 60, 145.107 – 118, 145.136 – 139. See UN Doc A/HRC/28/4.