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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 them**² 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 women**³, 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.