

# Working Party on

Human Rights



**(COHOM)**

# Fight against all forms of discrimination

- Italy will continue to support specific initiatives and resolutions, including by further promoting ambitious educational programmes, supporting the engagement of civil society organizations and further preventing and combating the diffusion of hate speech, including online.

# Rights of women

- Italy attaches great importance to ensuring the full and active participation of women in conflict prevention, management and resolution and in post-conflict efforts, in line with the “Women, Peace and Security” Agenda.

# Rights of children

- Italy will continue to prevent and combat child pornography, support child victims of violence, sexual abuse and trafficking and take all necessary steps to strengthen international cooperation for the investigation, prosecution and punishment of those responsible for acts involving the sale of children, child prostitution, child pornography and child sex tourism.

# Moratorium on the death penalty

- Italy actively supports the adoption of the biennial resolution of the UN General Assembly on this issue by raising awareness of third countries and promoting initiatives in close cooperation with civil society organizations and partner countries to debate on the possibility of moving away from capital punishment.

# Freedom of religion or belief and protection of religious minorities

- Italy is working with determination to enhance the international action for the protection and promotion of freedom of religion or belief and the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities. We support initiatives aimed to promote pluralism, inclusion, tolerance as well as interreligious and intercultural dialogue as we consider them pivotal to preventing Human Rights violations.

# Fight against trafficking in human beings

- Italy believes it is necessary to promote a victim-centred, Human Rights oriented, gender and child-sensitive approach in the way such challenge is managed. Italy is actively committed to the fight against trafficking in human beings, including by proudly being at the forefront in saving thousands of lives in the Mediterranean Sea and by strongly supporting the activities of the UNHCR and the IOM

# Rights of persons with disabilities

- Italy is engaged in protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, especially in emergency and post-conflict situations, and will further promote their rights, also by supporting the widest accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the implementation of its principles

# Preservation of cultural heritage

- The destruction of cultural and religious heritage, revealing the determination to eradicate all traces of diversity and different cultural and religious identities in a specific area, has a detrimental impact also on stability and pacific coexistence of different communities in that area. Protecting cultural and religious heritage is therefore key not only to protecting the rights of persons belonging to ethnic and religious minorities, but also to fostering peace and stability