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Thank you Madam and Mr. Chairpersons,

Firstly, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to France and Argentina for their commitment to spreading knowledge of the inter-related and intersecting substantial and procedural issues behind enforced disappearance.

Italy has always supported the prevention and protection of all persons from enforced disappearance. From a domestic point of view, governmental discussions are ongoing on the formal introduction of the heinous crime of enforced disappearance in our penal code.

We strongly encourage the increase of the membership of the International Convention of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance and we wish that many U.N. Member States could consider to sign and/or ratify the Convention.

Finally, we are satisfied with the important work carried out over the last years by the Committee on Enforced Disappearances. We particularly appreciate its role on outreach, dissemination, effective monitoring and advancing of the prevention of enforced disappearance.

For these reasons, reaffirming our support to its work, we wish the Committee on Enforced Disappearance to continue carrying out its functions efficiently under articles 28 to 36 of the Convention.