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**ITALY**

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**Caritas Internationalis**

With the support of **Caritas italiana**

Thank you, Madame President,

Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice (IIMA), VIDES International, Caritas Internationalis and Caritas Italiana commend the constructive participation of Italy in its third UPR and its acceptance of nearly all the recommendations.

We also commend Italy's positive approach in organizing consultations with NGOs, prior and following the UPR session.

We express concern on persisting challenges faced by **migrant children and children belonging to Roma communities**<sup>1</sup> on the full enjoyment of human rights, especially access to education, health and adequate housing. Therefore, we recommend Italy to:

- Increase measures to reduce inequalities in accessing basic social services, especially education, for migrant children and children belonging to Roma communities;
- Continue efforts to promote awareness-raising campaigns on the importance of non-discriminatory practices related to migrant and Roma children;

Regarding **violence against women**, we are also concerned on the raise of femicides and gender-based violence<sup>2</sup>; therefore, we recommend Italy to:

- create an effective protection mechanism in order to avoid reprisals against victims.

We also express concern about the impact of the law n. 132/2018 on the integration process of migrants. Therefore, we recommend Italy to amend the law.

Finally, we regret Italy's decision not to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). We therefore recommend Italy to consider joining the Compact as soon as possible.

Thank you, Madame President.

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<sup>1</sup> Concerning migrants and asylum seekers, see the UPR recommendations including but not limited to n. 148.1-148.2 (not accepted), 148.6 (not accepted), 148.89, 148.95, 148.97, 148.98, 148.119, 148.134, 148.139, 148.151, 148.159, 148.172, 148.190. See <https://undocs.org/A/HRC/43/4>

Regarding education, healthcare and housing issues, also with specific reference to children on the move and children belonging to Roma communities, see the UPR recommendations including but not limited to n. 148.245, 148.250, 148.255, 148.283. See *ibidem*.

<sup>2</sup> Concerning violence against women, see the UPR recommendations including but not limited to n. 148.218 – 148.242. *Ibidem*.