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Thank you, Madame President.

Italy aligns itself with the statement of the EU.

We welcome this panel discussion and the anniversary of the 1986 Declaration on the Right to Development.

As recognized in the Preamble of the Declaration, Development is a comprehensive economic, social, cultural and political process, directed at the constant improvement of the well-being of the people and of individual persons on the basis of their active, free and meaningful participation and of fair distribution of the resulting benefits.

Furthermore, the Declaration states that the human person is central to development and should be the active participant and beneficiary of the right to development.

The last events occurring in the Southern shore of the Mediterranean sea provide further evidence to the rightfulness of these concepts and of the close inter-connection existing between social-economic rights and political-civil rights.

As recalled by the High Commissioner at the opening of this Council session, education, employment, the opportunity of a life in dignity are linked to accountability and good governance.

Italy sees cooperation as a method for establishing, improving and strengthening relations among the world's various and diverse nations and communities. Development cooperation is and will remain an integral part of Italian foreign policy, also in the present difficult financial

I thank you Madame President.