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Italy endorses the strategy and acknowledges the hard work done as well as the Regional Office's capacity to find reasonable compromises, particularly challenging in such a sensitive area.

As you may know, early this year we have delivered our national plan on fertility and our Minister has launched the national fertility day, that will start on September 22nd, next week.

Several components of the documents we endorse today have been captured by the national plan and are currently being implemented in the country. In particular, we act on two directions:

- a) school level education with a revised syllabus at each school grade;
- b) a revised environmental policy that recognizes the role of endocrine disruptors in influencing genomics and the foetal programming, with irreversible dysmetabolic alterations and a clear impact on fertility.

Let me conclude underlining that we join the Russian Federation's statement in making clear that national legislation prevails in any case, making particular reference to paragraph 2.1 and 2.5 for what concerns Italy. We also recommend that monitoring indicators are made clearer and more explicit.

Otherwise, we support strongly the basic concept of sexual and reproductive health rights promotion and protection, as addressed in the strategy.