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ITEM 6: Universal Periodic Review of ITALY

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Madame President,

APG23 commends the constructive participation of Italy in its third Universal Periodic Review.

We also thank the Italian Government and its Permanent Mission in Geneva for having held several meetings with Civil Society before and after the 34th UPR Working group.

We welcome the will of the Italian Government to establish an Independent National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles and recommend to speed up the process to implement such an institution that is highly needed.

In order to decrease the discrimination against Roma and Sinti, we recommend to put an end to evictions that do not respect human rights and do not have simultaneous inclusion measures, guaranteeing in particular the right to family unity, educational continuity and existing inclusion paths. We also recommend to implement the Framework Convention on National Minorities of the Council of Europe, and the several recommendations of the OSCE, the Council of Europe and the institutions of the European Union which, in adherence to the Italian Constitution, set out objectives and instruments for the social inclusion of Roma and Sinti.

We urge the Italian Government to review, by listening to the social partners, the Law No. 132/2018 that regulates migration and the Law No. 77/2019 regarding sea rescuing. Moreover, we hope that the ongoing assessment on whether to join the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration could be sped up and will lead to the adoption of the Global Compact.

We also urge the Italian Government to implement the recommendations of the European Parliament Resolution of 26th February 2014 on sexual exploitation and prostitution, and on their consequences for gender equality, adopting the so called “Nordic model” to fight slavery of women into prostitution.

Finally, we look forward for the restoration and strengthening of the National Observatory for Childhood and Adolescence, in the hope that its role and functions will be better defined in order to make it an effective tool for the protection and fulfilment of Children’s Rights.

Thank you!