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Note verbale dated 21 June 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Italy to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council and requests it to circulate the attached statement* as a document of the fourteenth session of the Council.

* Reproduced in the annex, as received and in the language of submission only.

Annex

Fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council (31 May - 18 June 2010)

Statement made by Italy at the end of the session

Thank you, Mr. President.

Let me add a few words to those pronounced by Spain on behalf of the European Union.

Italy's membership of this important body is about to expire. I would like to warmly thank all delegations for their friendship and cooperation during these intense three years. I wish the forthcoming members of the Council full success in their mandate.

This Council is an invaluable instrument to foster an open dialogue and cooperation among all the countries for the protection and promotion of human rights everywhere. Today we were able to prove that cooperation is possible and gives good results. During its mandate, Italy has pursued that dialogue and we will certainly continue to practice it in the future.

We will certainly remain engaged in the work of the Council and we will continue to devote our efforts to the 2011 review, in order to improve the functioning of this body, through the common endeavour of all the parties involved.

Last but not least, I thank you, Mr. President, for your outstanding leadership. I wish to assure our full support to your successor.

I thank you, Mr. President.
