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## **ITALY'S STATEMENT AT THE WARSAW HUMAN DIMENSION CONFERENCE**

### **PLENARY SESSION VIII: HUMANITARIAN ISSUES**

#### **Trafficking in human beings; Humanitarian challenges, including in the context of armed conflict; Freedom of movement; Refugees and displaced persons; Persons at risk of displacement**

Warsaw, 12 October 2023

As shown by the International Conference on development and Migration hosted last July in Rome, in the context of growing migration flows, Italy provides multiple support to countries of origin – in particular in the Sahel and in North Africa, some of them are OSCE Partners for Cooperation – to curb the heinous phenomenon of trafficking in human beings. Beside strengthening territorial and border control, Italy supports these countries in providing more opportunities for local trainings and jobs, in launching information campaigns to warn against the risks of illegal migration and in combating the criminal networks of traffickers.

In the context of the dire migration crisis caused by the Russian aggression against Ukraine, Italy has so far welcomed more than 167,000 Ukrainian refugees. My country is also actively involved in protecting the most vulnerable, including women and children: Italy has contributed 20 million EUR to UN Agencies for relevant projects in neighbouring Moldova and 3 million EUR to UNHCR for its work in favour of internally displaced people in Ukraine.

Finally, allow me to summarise in a few words the significant humanitarian response by Italy to the war against Ukraine: so far, we have delivered over 77 million EUR and 75 tons of goods to Ukraine, as well as 10 million EUR through the EBRD and 110 million as budgetary support - not counting the hundreds of millions conveyed through financial institutions and through the dedicated EU Fund for Ukraine.

Italy is a constant supporter of the Ukrainian people and will continue contributing to the country's infrastructural resilience. We will proudly host the Ukraine Recovery Conference in 2025.