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Mr. Chair,

I would like to thank the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office for organizing this important conference, which offers us an opportunity for a valuable and prompt exchange of views on the fight against antisemitism.

Preventing and combating antisemitism remains one of the highest priorities for the Italian Government. Our country strongly condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against Jewish communities and has always been committed to promoting a culture of respect and peaceful coexistence through education, remembrance, and firmly upholding human rights. There is no place in Italy or in our countries for antisemitism, which is a form of discrimination that runs counter to our values and principles and threatens the security of our democratic societies.

Unfortunately, the latest quarterly surveys conducted in Italy indicate that reports and incidents of anti-Semitism have risen alarmingly during 2025. It is therefore our duty to take all appropriate measures to address this deplorable phenomenon.

Italy participates in many international organisations dealing with anti-Semitism and contributes to all discussions within the OSCE, the EU and UNESCO. It is also an active member of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). We have also signed the “Global Guidelines for Combating Antisemitism,” adopted in Buenos Aires on July 17, 2024.

At the OSCE Conference on Combating Antisemitism last year in Helsinki, I briefly reported on Italy's adoption, at the beginning of 2025, of an updated Strategy on Combating Antisemitism. This document outlines five strategic lines for preventing and combating antisemitism, each with specific objectives, concrete actions, and an indication of the bodies responsible for their implementation. The five strategic lines include:

1. SCENARIO. Research, data collection, and analysis to define the situation and its matrices, keep it constantly updated for policy makers, interpret it, and communicate it;
2. EDUCATION. Training in schools at all levels, in universities, and in the world of sports and work, which also includes the public administration in all its central and peripheral branches;
3. TANGIBILITY. Enhancement of the culture of memory, through the identification of significant itineraries and commemorations, promoted by the Ministry of Culture and public and private entities, involving the relevant ministries and cultural institutions;
4. PROTECTION. Guarantee of the safety of Jewish communities and development of knowledge of their current life and worship activities;
5. COMMUNICATION. Maximum attention to the digital dimension, including applications of artificial intelligence, by engaging other states, the European Commission, main operators, and institutions that provide monitoring and training in the sector.

In this first year since the adoption of the new strategy, intensive work has been carried out to start implementing the numerous actions set out in the strategy. I am pleased to report that concrete progress has been made on many fronts. I would like to mention a few. In the area of police training, a specific online training module has been developed, which contains an “operational guide” on combating antisemitism. An information system dedicated to analyzing antisemitism has also been created. Based on a digital platform, powered by data and reports, it will provide a more detailed and granular picture of the phenomenon, how it manifests itself, and how it is disseminated. A memorandum of understanding is currently being drafted, to be signed by the main federations and associations in sport sector in Italy, in order to combat anti-Semitism and promote a culture of respect and prevention of discrimination, including at sporting events. Discussions have been initiated to strengthen the monitoring and combating online antisemitic hate messages and on digital platforms. Finally, I would like to point out that the Italian Parliament is discussing a number of proposals to better regulate legislative tools for combating anti-Semitism.

Thank you, Mr Chair.

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