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***Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation***

*Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights*

**ITALY’S CONTRIBUTION IN LIGHT OF RESOLUTION 35/7 ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: UN WG GA74**

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1. - 2. Italy has since December 2016 a National Action Plan on BHR. The NAP was adopted by the Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights. A mid-term review of the Italian NAP war carried out in 2018.

1. Yes
2. The Inter-Ministerial Committee for Human Rights has established since March 2017 a Steering Group to monitor the implementation of the Italian BHR NAP. The Steering Group holds two sessions per year, and all the relevant Italian Administrations compose it.

3. The Italian BHR NAP provides specific measures for giving particular attention to due diligence of business enterprises owned or controlled by the State, including the non-financial disclosure.

4. In our experience of more than two year of work of the Steering Committee, the most important issue is to promote awareness and disseminate information in the public and private sectors.

5. The Italian BHR NAP Steering Committee holds at least once a year a public meeting with all the relevant stakeholders. They range from civil society’s organizations, to Academia, enterprises, trade unions, human rights defenders and, last but not least, media and professional organizations (such as lawyers).

6. - 7. The Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights, in the framework of its institutional activities, keeps the Parliament informed about the implementation of the Italian BHR NAP.

9. The National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) 2017/2030 - pursuing the entire set of 17 SDGs of Agenda 2030 - will be complemented by an ad hoc Plan of Action to include numerical and quantitative targets at 2030, as well as monitoring and review mechanisms and analytical models capable of measuring the impacts of policies on the NSDS objectives.  In this context the Prime Minister is going to take the lead in coordinating and managing the Strategy.

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**FOLLOW-UP: QUESTION N.8**

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8. The members of the Italian NCP Secretariat constantly participate to training activities and Peer Learning sessions dedicated to business and human rights issues for information and capacity building purposes.

A. Participation to the OECD Peer Learning activities over the last two years

The Peer Learning activity aims at sharing experiences and straightening effort for capacity building while learning from peer to peer experiences of National Contact Poiints for the implementation of the OECD Guidelines. These sessions occur ones or twice a year:

·         May 2018 One member of the Italian NCP attended the Peer Learning training organized in Morocco by the Morocco NCP, the OCDE, URSUMA and the Groupe HJK on  “La pratique de la médiation: outils et techniques pour une meilleure efficacité de règlement des différends».

·         Nov 2017: One member of the Italian NCP attended the Peer Learning training organized in USA by the US NCP and OECD and the CBI – Consensus Building Institute – on “Mediation Academy Workshop: Better Practice Insights”.

Twice a year during the  NCP Network meeting, the OECD offer a time of Peer learning on common issues. Two members of the Italian NCP attend the following sessions sessions:

·         December 2018 Practitioners challenges – practical issues facing NCPs: discussion amongst the network with a view to exchanging experiences and approaches would be useful.

·         June 2018 Specific instance coordination: Share anonymised details regarding the specific instances to allow for better coordination between NCPs.

·         June 2017 New to the NCP role: meet each other and to exchange ideas and insights with other NCPs.

·         December 2017 Sharing lessons from NCP peer reviews. Mediation break-out sessions: NCPs broke out in groups to discuss key questions arising in relation to experience with mediation in specific instances.

B. Specific courses attended by the NCP staff over the last 2 years:

·         One member of the Secretariat attended the Master on Accounting, Innovation and Sustainability (MARIS) 2017/2018 University of Rome Tor Vergata;

·         In September 2019 2 members will attend the ILO training seminar on Labour issues in RBC: “The guidance provided by International Labour Standards and the ILO.”

C. The NCP cooperates with the National Research Center namely with ISGI, the Institute for international legal studies, specifically to acquire advice on human rights issues related to specific instances and this represents an ongoing learning process for both the NCP and ISGI

D. The NCP itself contributes in seminars and workshops  dedicated to businesses,  stakeholders and other public administrations on the OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises, responsible business conduct, risk-based due diligence,  the specific instance mechanism of the OECD Guidelines. For more detail <https://pcnitalia.mise.gov.it/index.php/en/>

E. Every year, at least one member of the Italian NCP’s staff attends the OECD and International thematic Forum and events to acquire insights on ongoing projects, policies trends and approaches to the issues, proposed methodology and best practices.

The NCP is also in the steering board of the OECD textile and minerals group.

·         UN Forum on business and human rights

* OECD Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct

·         OECD Forum on Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment & Footwear Sector

·         OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains