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The Italian delegation acknowledges the significant strides that genetic engineering has made in recent times. The ability to manipulate genetic material offers several potential benefits, including the treatment of genetic disorders, the production of disease-resistant crops, and the preservation of endangered species.

However, we must also consider the ethical and legal implications of this technology. As a nation that values human dignity and integrity, Italy believes that the use of genetic engineering should be guided by the following principles:

The human body and its genetic makeup should be treated with utmost respect and dignity. We reject any form of genetic manipulation that alters the fundamental essence of what it means to be human. This includes genetic engineering that results in the creation of "designer babies" or the alteration of non-pathogenic traits such as eye color, height, and intelligence.

Genetic engineering must adhere to strict ethical and legal guidelines. Any research or application of genetic engineering must be conducted with utmost transparency, and the informed consent of all parties involved must be obtained. Furthermore, genetic engineering should not be used to perpetuate discriminatory practices or exacerbate social inequalities.

Italy recognizes the potential risks associated with genetic engineering, including unintended consequences, ecological disruptions, and the creation of new pathogens. Therefore, we advocate for responsible research and regulation that prioritizes the safety and well-being of humans and the environment.

In conclusion, Italy recognizes the potential benefits of genetic engineering but also acknowledges the ethical and legal challenges it presents. As such, we call for international cooperation and the establishment of robust ethical and legal frameworks that guide the development and application of genetic engineering. Thank you.