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Statement by Romania

WORKING GROUP ON UPR
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Madam President,

The delegation of Romania would like to welcome the delegation of the Netherlands and to commend it for a very good report.

We would also like to congratulate the Netherlands for the presentation, two years ago, of a mid-term progress report on the application of the recommendations received on the occasion of the first examination under the UPR, in 2008.

As for the degree of promotion and implementation of human rights, the report rightly points out that "what matters is that rights are observed in practice". Constant efforts are needed to monitor respect of human rights and to take appropriate measures, if violations are found.

In this sense, we took note with appreciation of the fact that an information system was established, to help monitor developments on a regular basis, in the area of discrimination and on more specific subjects.

We recommend the Dutch government to continue to take measures and actions in line with the fight against discrimination including through guidelines for website moderators to keep their websites free from discriminatory content that constitutes a criminal offence.

Thank you, Madam President.