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Statement by Romania

**WORKING GROUP ON UPR  
- examination of Poland – May 30, 2012 -**

Madam President,

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

We would also like to congratulate Poland 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.

We believe that the numerous and substantial measures presented here today demonstrate the commitment of the Polish authorities to improve the human rights protection and promotion in their country and that significant progress has been made in many areas.

We are also of the view that some of the projects and measures undertaken by the Polish authorities, such as in the fields of gender equality, combat of human trafficking, teaching of human rights and health, could be used as examples of good practice.

We would like to make one recommendation.

With respect to women's participation in public and political life, the report says that the number of women candidates may not be less than 35% of the total number of candidates on the ballots. We would recommend that the government continue the policy of increasing the number of women in public and political life.

Thank you, Madam President.