

**Statement by Romania
Working Group on UPR
- examination of Ghana – October 23, 2012 -**

Madam President,

The delegation of Romania would like to thank the Government of Ghana for the presentation of the UPR report. We welcome the fact that the document addresses both the progress made between the two UPR sessions and the application of recommendations.

In our view, the various measures presented in the report, especially the reviewing of the Constitution from 1992, the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the National Strategic Plan against AIDS for 2011-2015 prove that the Government of Ghana is working towards complying with its human rights obligations. We strongly encourage the authorities to keep moving further this agenda, in a comprehensive manner.

We also congratulate the Government on its intention to create an intergovernmental Committee to oversee the UPR implementation process.

On the other side, we regret that some of the recommendations we made in the past were rejected and consequently, received no more attention from the authorities of Ghana. We would like to reiterate our recommendation for the Government of Ghana to combat discrimination, in particular against minorities and immigrants.

Moreover, taking into account the many challenges in the area of women's rights, we would recommend that the authorities take all necessary legislative and practical measures to eradicate the violence against women, in all of its forms, and to promote gender equality.

Finally, we hope that the recommendation by the Constitutional Review Commission to abolish death penalty will be implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you, Madam President.