

**Statement by Romania
Working Group on UPR
- examination of Peru – November 1, 2012 -**

Madam President,

Romania would like to welcome the delegation of Peru, headed by, and to commend it for a comprehensive presentation of the human rights situation, which underlines, in an open manner, both the progress and the challenges in this field.

We congratulate the Government of Peru for the numerous concrete actions taken in order to address various issues, such as the crimes committed during the period 1980 to 2000, the rights of indigenous people, women, children and persons with disabilities.

Moreover, we took note with satisfaction of the Government's decision to extend a standing invitation to the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and of the adoption by Congress, in July this year, of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

We encourage the authorities of Peru to further advance the process of ratification of human rights treaties, giving priority to the international documents on slavery and on statelessness.

With respect to problematic areas, we recommend the Government of Peru to redouble efforts aimed at combating violence against women and girls, illiteracy and at ensuring greater representation of women in decision-making, both in the government and in the private sector.

Finally, we would like to pay tribute for the cooperation of Peru in promoting the Council's resolution on human rights, democracy and the rule of law, which was successfully adopted in March this year.

Thank you, Madam President.