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**Statement by Romania
Working Group on UPR
- examination of Switzerland – October 29, 2012 -**

Madam President,

The delegation of Romania would like to thank the delegation of Switzerland for the presentation of its UPR report. While we generally appreciate the content of the document, we would particularly commend the fact that the document informs both on the position of the Government and of the civil society on the human rights situation in Switzerland.

We would also congratulate the Government of Switzerland for the ratification of important international instruments in-between the two UPR sessions, such as the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

With respect to women's rights, we took note with appreciation of the various legislative measures, policies and programs to strengthen gender equality. However, we would recommend that the Swiss authorities continue taking steps so as to reinforce the women representation in leadership and decision-making positions.

As mentioned in the NGOs contribution's paper, a bilateral Governmental Working Group on combating human trafficking and protecting the victims of trafficking was established in 2011. The cooperation between the Swiss and Romanian Governments is further complemented by a project on preventing, identifying and protecting victims from human trafficking, whose adequate implementation will benefit these persons in need. We congratulate the Swiss authorities for their cooperation. We are confident that further concrete measures, meant to increase the protection of victims and dissuade perpetrators, are going to be adopted and implemented.

Thank you, Madam President.