

**Statement by Romania  
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Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania welcomes the delegation of Burundi and thanks (head of delegation) for the presentation of the UPR report.

We appreciate the positive developments that took place in Burundi over the last years, such as the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution, the adoption of a new penal code and the creation of an Ombudsman institution. While being aware of remaining challenges, we would like to express our hope that the Government of Burundi will pursue its various projects of reform with no delay.

In this spirit, we recommend the authorities of Burundi to speed-up the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

We would also recommend that the Government take concrete measures in order to combat impunity and to prevent extrajudicial killings and torture.

With respect to women's rights, we congratulate the authorities on achieving almost parity in the representation of women and men in the Senate and encourage the Government to continue improving the situation of women, including in terms of their political representation.

Thank you, Mr. President.