

**Statement by Armenia**

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Romania headed by H.E Mr. Bogdan Aurescu and thanks them for their national report and their presentation.

We welcome the significant progress Romania has achieved in the implementation of recommendations received during first cycle of UPR in 2008, including the legislative reforms country has accomplished.

We commend Romanian authorities for their continuing efforts to guarantee the freedom of conscience and religion. Particularly we would like to emphasize all governmental initiatives against discrimination, including the recent amendments in the National Education Law regarding the protection of the rights of national minorities in order to keep, develop and express their ethnical and cultural identity. In this regard we can assert that the Armenian community always enjoyed the support of the Romanian authorities.

We note also measures taken in order to reduce the corruption and to guarantee administration of justice and rule of law.

We appreciate the cooperation of Romanian authorities with special procedures and we note the recent visit of special Rapporteur on the contemporary forms of slavery.

Armenia recommends:

- To continue paying special attention for the protection of the rights of child,
- To consider the ratification of the Convention for the Protection of all persons from Enforced Disappearances.