

Thank you Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes H.E. Mr. Bogdan Aurescu and his delegation to the Working Group for UPR for its second cycle of Review. My delegation appreciates the delegation for the comprehensive and informative presentation of the national report of Romania.

Mr. President, Romania has strived to achieve success in promoting and protecting human rights of its citizens with concrete results. We applaud the remarkable changes that have taken place in the country including in the areas of human rights and fundamental freedoms since its transition to a democratic polity. We witness significant improvement in particular in areas of preventing trafficking, strengthening judiciary through various reforms, and the opportunities created for minorities to use their mother tongue.

Nonetheless, many areas remain where the country needs to enhance its efforts. Treaty bodies expressed concern at the persistence of discrimination against Roma community and minorities, situation of migrants and children of migrants and ill-treatment exercised against minority groups. My delegation would therefore, like to recommend that the government of Romania,

1. Strengthens legal provisions and comprehensive policies and strategies to ensure safety and fulfillment of rights of religious minority;
2. Enforce legislation banning discrimination against; and
3. Further strengthen measures to ensure rights of migrants.

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