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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Romania to the UPR. Brazil commends the efforts of Romania for the timely implementation of recommendations made in the first cycle of the UPR.

We take a positive note, in this regard, of the accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture.

We are also encouraged by the participation of minority groups in the Parliament of Romania and efforts to prevent and eradicate school segregation based on ethnicity.

Notwithstanding such remarkable achievements, there seems to be some room for further improvements. Reports indicate that despite the policy of reserved seats for Roma in schools and universities, there are still low occupancy rates. Current policies could, therefore, be complemented to address this question.

In the area of the right to health, inequitable access to health-care services and inadequate conditions of health facilities may deserve further action. The Committee on the Rights of the Child has identified some inequalities in the access to health care in rural areas by children affected by HIV/AIDS.

With a view to encourage Romania to continue making progress on human rights, Brazil respectfully makes the following recommendations:

1. to pursue further efforts to combat discrimination against the Roma;
2. to address inequalities in access to health services, in particular with regard to children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Thank you.