

STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Romania, headed by Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

We would like to congratulate Romania for its comprehensive second UPR report and for the substantial information provided therein on the reform of the judiciary and its impact on the national legislation in the field of human rights.

We take positive note of the developments in Romania in the area of human rights protection and promotion since 2008. In this respect, we commend Romania for the enactment of a number of new laws and the ratification of several international human rights instruments, in particular the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Bulgaria further notes with satisfaction the main future-oriented priorities and initiatives of Romania aimed at further improvement of the human rights situation in the country. In this context we would like to pose the following question:

Would you briefly share the Romanian experience in bringing the Romanian legislation in conformity with the international legal instruments.

We would also like to request the Romanian delegation to provide information on internal application of the core human rights instruments.

Thank you!