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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
AT THE 15TH SESSION OF THE UPR WG OF HRC**

REVIEW OF ROMANIA
Palais des Nations, 22 January 2013

MR. PRESIDENT,

1. Cambodia warmly welcomes the delegation of Romania led by **H.E. Mr. Bogdan AURESCU**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for his presentation and updating the Council on the follow up developments in the area of promotion and protection of Human Rights within the UPR process since the First Cycle.
2. Cambodia takes note with appreciation the commitments the Government of Romania has demonstrated in implementing the recommendations that had been put forward by the delegations of Members States and Stakeholders.
3. Cambodia warmly welcomes the progress made by the Government of Romania in the fields of protection and promotion of human rights, along with the further efforts of implementation of the justice reform. We also appreciate the ratification by Romania of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OP/CAT) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, among others.
4. Cambodia takes note of the adoption of the Strategy of the Government of Romania for the inclusion of the Romanian citizens belonging to Roma minority for the period 2012-2020.
5. On this occasion, we wish to formulate the following recommendation to Romania:
 - To continue its efforts in ensuring the implementation of its strategy of anti-discrimination of legislation in order to guarantee the equal treatment of all Romanian people, including the minority;
 - To make further efforts to combat human trafficking and strengthen protection of victims of trafficking.
6. Finally, we wish Romania and its people all the best in their efforts to advance human rights.

Thank you,