

## **Hungary's Statement on Romania, UPR 15th Session, 22 January 2013**

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Mr. President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Romania to this UPR session. We commend the Government for the submission of a mid-term report regarding the follow-up of UPR recommendations and the comprehensive reform of the judiciary that has been taking place in Romania since 2008. We would be happy to learn more about the possibility of using minority languages at all stages of legal and public administration proceedings.

We highly appreciate all projects initiated by the Government to promote ethnic diversity in the world of labour, like the one entitled “Mission Possible - police officer in a multicultural community” involving young people belonging to the Roma and the Hungarian minority. In this context we find it also important that cultural and linguistic diversity is promoted in the educational system and therefore we **recommend** that Romania continues to fully implement the National Education Law adopted in 2011 and provides training for a sufficient number of teachers for education in or of minority languages.

While noting the steps taken so far in the field of the right to own property, with special regard to the restitution process, Hungary would like to **recommend** the Romanian authorities to accelerate the resolution of pending property cases by adopting the relevant new legislative framework. We wish also to learn about the situation of other Historical Churches in Romania (Roman Catholic, Protestant), highly affected by the restitution process, but not mentioned in the national report.

Finally Mr. President,

Let me express our gratitude for the Mission of Romania here in Geneva for running the resolution entitled “Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law” which is an important contribution to the work of the HRC.

Thank you Mr. President