

UPR WORKING GROUP - FIFTEENTH SESSION

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UPR of ROMANIA - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

22 JANUARY 2013: 0900 -1230 hrs

INTERVENTION BY INDIA

President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of the Romania led by _____ and thanks it for the presentation of its National Report which provides an overview of developments in the human rights situation of the country including follow-up action on recommendations in the first review.

2. We note with appreciation various initiatives taken by the Government of Romania to improve implementation of recommendations accepted in the first review.

3. We commend the government of Romania for the steps taken to strengthen the judiciary. We hope that the new Civil Code will introduce flexibility, transparency and predictability into the system. As a multi-cultural and multi-religious country, we appreciate the efforts to promote dialogue between religions through the establishment of Advisory Council of the Churches and Religious Denominations.

4. India appreciates the efforts made by Romania with respect to eliminate discrimination against the Roma people and hope that the laws and provisions will be implemented in letter and spirit. We thank the Government for elaborating in its national report, the steps taken in this regard. However, we note with concern the continued existence of racial stereotyping. We recommend that Romania takes effective steps to implement its legislative measures and policies on discrimination and segregation of these people.

5. We wish Romania success in its future endeavours in the protection and promotion of human rights.
