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**Universal Periodic Review of Romania – intervention by Poland**

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Romania for their active participation in the UPR process, submission and the presentation of the second national report.

The delegation of Poland would like to welcome Romanian engagement in the field of human rights and numerous efforts undertaken in this field to date.

Poland would like to offer the following recommendations:

- to consider reviewing the status and effectiveness of the Ombudsman institution to ensure its full compliance with the Paris Principles;
- to provide the Ombudsman institution with necessary resources to carry out its mandate in an effective way;
- to consider establishing an independent Ombudsman for children;
- to consider introducing legislation prohibiting corporal punishment of children.

Thank you, Mr. President.