

Mr. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of Romania, led by H.E. Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for the presentation of the national report and for its participation in the review process.

Slovakia recognises Romania's dedication to advance its human rights record since the first review. In this context, we welcomed the mid-term report on the follow-up to the recommendations of the first cycle put forward in 2010. Noteworthy is the ratification of CRPD in 2011, OP to CAT in 2009 and the signature of the third OP to CRC on a communications procedure last year. Furthermore, we have taken a positive note of the human rights training for teachers and pupils provided by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports as well as the Institute's courses in human rights and the administration of justice for personnel of the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

Slovakia would like to present Romania the following three recommendations:

- 1. to continue pursuing sensitised policies and programmes designed for the integration and social inclusion of persons belonging to Romania's Roma community,**
- 2. to ensure unhindered access of children with disabilities to quality and inclusive education,**
- 3. to consider amending the Citizenship Law to include safeguards against statelessness, providing that children born in the Romanian territory, who would otherwise be stateless, acquire Romanian nationality.**

I thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. Lyso'le