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UPR of ROMANIA

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the delegation of Romania for their national report and their presentation.

We note a number of positive developments in the country since the previous review, in particular the adoption of the Strategy for the inclusion of citizens belonging to the Roma minority, anti-discrimination training for public officials, and the inclusion of human rights education in school curricula. In the context of our previous UPR recommendation on gender equality, we welcome the Strategy in the field of Equal Opportunities between Women and Men.

On the other hand, we note with concern the high level of teen pregnancies in Romania, amidst relatively high infant and maternal mortality rates. In this context, we **recommend** providing comprehensive and age-appropriate sexuality education, including on prevention of unwanted pregnancies.

We further note CRC's concern about the status and effectiveness of the Ombudsman Institution, and **recommend** that Romania heeds the committee's call for an independent ombudsman for children. We also reiterate CERD's **recommendation** that Romania specify the respective areas of competence of the various institutions and bodies combating discrimination to ensure the effectiveness of the system for preventing and combating discrimination.

Thank you.