

Thank you Mr. President,

we welcome the distinguished delegation of Romania to the second cycle of the Universal periodic review and would like to thank them on the comprehensive statement and informative report.

We commend Romania ratifying the Optional Protocol to the against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

We also welcome Romania's legislative, regulatory and institutional efforts in combating torture and ill-treatment and improving the situation of persons deprived of their liberty.

In this regard we encourage the government of Romania to continue its efforts in combating torture and violence especially against children and continue the implementation of legislation

that prohibiting all forms of torture.

And here we would like to make the following recommendations:

1- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and opt-in to the inquiry and inter-state mechanisms.

2- to continue its efforts to ensure equal access to housing and protection from discrimination and segregation on the basis of race or any other prohibited ground of discrimination.