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Review of Romania

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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Romania to the 2nd UPR cycle and thanks for the informative national report and its presentation. We commend the steps undertaken to involve non-governmental organizations in the preparation of the report and particularly Romania's adherence to the Review process.

Ukraine acknowledges with appreciation progress achieved since last review on the implementation of recommendations accepted during the 1st cycle in promotion and protection of human rights including rights of minorities, and would like to encourage the Government of Romania to continue efforts for effective combating negative perceptions of minorities through related awareness-raising initiatives and public education.

With regard to threats of HIV/AIDS spread Ukraine would like to urge Romania to further promote equal access to adequate health services for HIV-affected persons, particularly women, children and young people, especially in rural areas.

Wishing the Government of Romania the very best in its endeavors to improve human rights situation, the delegation of Ukraine would like to support following recommendations made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child:

- First, to revise status of the National human rights institution with a view to ensure its full compliance with the Paris Principles;
- Second, to consider establishing an independent Ombudsman for children.

Thank you, Mr. President.