

**Statement by Romania
Working Group on UPR
- examination of Azerbaijan – April 30, 2013 -**

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Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan and thanks the Government for the presentation of its second UPR report.

We acknowledge with appreciation the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as the adoption, in 2011, of the National Action Program on increasing the efficiency in the protection of human rights and freedoms. We believe that implementation of the abovementioned international instruments will bring about important improvements in the area of human rights.

We also took positive note of laws on combat against domestic violence and on ensuring the rights and freedoms of the detained persons, respectively of the National Action Plan to combat human trafficking for 2009-2013.

Romania encourages the Government of Azerbaijan to continue efforts in the field of human rights and would like to recommend that the Government of Azerbaijan ratify the Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court.

Thank you, Mr. President.