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**Statement by Romania
Working Group on UPR
- examination of Germany – April 25, 2013 -**

Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Germany and thanks the Government for the presentation of its second UPR report.

As reflected in the national report, a number of developments stand out as improvements of the human right situation in Germany since the previous examination. We would like to specifically note the ratification of new conventions, such as the Council of Europe Convention on action against trafficking in human beings, as well as the adoption of various implementation measures, among which the National Action Plan related to the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Romania would like to encourage the Government of Germany to consolidate progress on various human rights issues, including combating of "hate crimes" and of violence against women.

Thank you, Mr. President.