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### **Intervention of Romania on the IPR Saudi Arabia**

Thank you Mr President,

Our delegation thanks the delegation of Saudi Arabia for the presentation of the report on the situation of the human rights in the country. We appreciate the progress concerning the protection of rights of women, notably on the electoral rights, children and migrant workers. Also we appreciate the adoption of the domestic legislation on the combating of domestic violence.

We also feel encouraged by the fact that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia expressed its will to abide by the highest standards of human rights.

We would like to recommend the following:

- 1) the continuation of the co-operation with OHCHR in order to improve the capacity of the national institutions of human rights
- 2) the ratification of the main international instruments on human rights, notably the Coventant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- 3) the protection of freedom of religion or belief

Thank you Mr President