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## Intervention of Romania on the UPR of Afghanistan (27 January 2014)

Thank you Mr President,

We salute the participation of the Afghan delegation in the UPR process.

We acknowledge that, in a particularly difficult context, the country had taken steps in order to ensure the implementation of many recommendations formulated during the first UPR cycle. They show the political will of the authorities to create a stable environment, which may lead to the full exercise of human rights by all Afghan citizens.

Nevertheless, as the national report as well as the submissions of the United Nations and the stakeholders show, the country faces serious challenges in building a fully functional state on the eve of an essential moment of the transition.

We recommend that the Afghan authorities take all the appropriate measures to ensure the creation of a functional and independent judiciary and also we recommend the effective implementation of the legislation aiming at ensuring the realization of the rights of women and children, especially the legislation on combating the domestic violence.