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UPR of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Statement by Poland
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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for its exhaustive national report and its participation in the UPR process.

We take note of the FYROM's progress in the ratification of international human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We acknowledge the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's constructive cooperation with international human rights institutions, particularly with treaty bodies established under various UN and Council of Europe conventions.

However, Poland is concerned about the continuing marginalization of Roma women and children and the intersecting forms of discrimination they face.

While taking into account the improvements aimed at the inclusion of the Roma minority, we are concerned that Roma still face difficulties in accessing the healthcare and social systems. Therefore we recommend that the Macedonian authorities intensify their efforts to secure and effectively implement the existing policies designed for the integration of the Roma minority.

Poland also recommends that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ratifies the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances.

Thank you for your attention.