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Intervention of Romania on the UPR of FYR Macedonia

Thank you Mr. President,

We also thank Ambassador Igor Dzundev, and his team for the participation in the UPR process and presentation of the update. It reflects important progress in the implementation of the recommendations from the first UPR cycle.

Mr. Ambassador,

We appreciate the commitment of your country to the promotion of human rights and we look forward to the participation in the work of the Council.

We value the co-operation with the United Nations' mechanisms of human rights. The recent visits of the Special Rapporteurs have shown the commitment of the authorities for the co-operation with international mechanisms of human rights.

We salute the initiative to present a mid-term report on the implementation of the recommendations accepted in the first cycle.

We appreciate the measures taken in order to ensure the protection of the rights of persons belonging to national minorities and we recommend the adoption of appropriate measures in order to improve the quality of education for the pupils belonging to national minorities especially for those learning in lesser used languages.

Equally we look forward to resolute measures aiming at improving merit-based recruitment in state institutions, increased allocation by the central authorities of financial resources for projects/programmes of smaller communities, ensuring proper conditions (e.g. qualified teaching staff, textbooks) and improvement of conditions for using mother tongue in mass-media and religious service.