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Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania would like to thank the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the presentation of its second UPR report and to express appreciation for the efforts made by the authorities to make progress in improving the protection, promotion and fulfilment of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

More specifically, we took positive note of the ratification of various human rights conventions, such as the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on economic, social and cultural rights. We also appreciate the adoption of a Strategy for combating trafficking of human beings and its Action Plan and the approval of various strategic and operational documents concerning the rights of children and women.

Since very important challenges still remain, we would like to encourage the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue advancing the human rights agenda. In this vein, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To reinforce measures aimed at combating ethnic, racial and gender-based discrimination. Also bearing in mind that Bosnia and Herzegovina is currently holding the Chairmanship of the Decade for Roma Inclusion, we recommend more measures to promote the rights of the persons belonging to the Roma minority during the tenure of this initiative;
2. To implement the ECHR judgment in the case of Sejdic-Finci;
3. To take further steps so as to ensure registration of all births and to provide identity documents to all persons whose birth was not registered.

Thank you, Mr. President.