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UPR of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Statement of Romania**

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Thank you Mr. President,

Our delegation welcomes the participation of the Iranian delegation led by Dr. Larijani in the second UPR process.

We took note of the update on the legislative reforms as well as on the assessment of the Iranian authorities on the challenges and their initiatives to overcome the challenges.

Against this background our delegation will appreciate an update on the internal consultations on the Charter of Citizens' Rights.

We appreciate the presentations of reports to the treaty bodies and we hope that Iran will act upon their recommendations.

Romania recommends to the Islamic Republic of Iran the following:

- 1) To ensure all the procedural guarantees and the right to a fair trial for all persons indicted of committing a crime including the right to defense and access to a lawyer.
- 2) To co-operate with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human Rights in Iran.
- 3) To ensure the freedom of religion and belief for all citizens of Iran.

Thank you Mr. President.