

Statement by Romania
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Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania welcomes the delegation of Irak and thanks it for the presentation of the second UPR report. We fully appreciate the effort made by the Irakian authorities to participate in this exercise, at a particularly difficult moment for the people of Irak.

While we believe that protecting the people from the violence inflicted by terrorist groups should be the top priority for the government of Irak, we remain convinced that achieving progress in the protection, promotion and fulfilment of human rights needs to be a constant preoccupation.

We commend the government of Irak for ratifying various human rights conventions since the first review, such as the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons against Enforced Disappearances, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as well as for issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

We encourage the Government to continue advancing the human rights agenda and, in this vein, we would like to recommend the Government of Irak the following actions:

1. To consider ratifying the Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court;
2. To adopt the necessary legislation and policies in order to combat violence against women.

Thank you, Mr. President.