

Statement by Romania
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Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Italy and thanks the Government for the presentation of its second UPR report.

As indicated in the report, the commitment of the Italian authorities to human rights has translated into a wide variety of measures, namely legislative, strategic, financial and operational ones.

We would like to specifically note the ratification of new conventions, such as the Council of Europe Convention on action against trafficking in human beings, as well as the adoption of various documents, among which the National Strategy for the inclusion of Roma, Sinti and Travellers Communities in Italy, for the period 2012-2020.

While taking also positive note of the action undertaken by the Government in the fields of combating racial and ethnic discrimination, as well as violence against women, Romania would like to recommend the Government of Italy the following:

1. to continue to combat any form of discrimination, as well as stereotypes of persons belonging to minorities;
2. to consolidate the measures aimed at combating violence against women and at achieving social reintegration of victims of human trafficking.

Thank you, Mr. President.