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**Statement by Romania
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Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania welcomes the delegation of Armenia and thanks the Government for the presentation of its second UPR report.

We congratulate the Armenian authorities on the various measures adopted in the field of human rights, among which we note the National Strategy for the Protection of Human Rights and the corresponding Action Plan, the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the adoption of the Law on equal opportunities between women and men. We also express appreciation for the UPR mid-term report produced in 2013.

With respect to the recommendations put forward by Romania on the occasion of the previous examination of Armenia, we are pleased to see that awareness-raising in schools for the promotion of women's rights has become a reality. Concerning the Rome Statute on the ICC, as the ratification process is still ongoing, we would like to recommend the Armenian authorities to take action with a view to bringing to an end the ratification procedures.

We would also like to recommend the Government of Armenia to continue placing efforts in combating domestic violence, also by the adoption of a distinct law on this topic.

We wish every success to the Government of Armenia with its UPR process.

Thank you, Mr. President.