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**21st session of the UPR Working Group – interactive dialogue with Spain
Statement of Romania**

Thank you Mr. President,

Our delegation thanks the Spanish delegation for the presentation of the national report on the UPR. We want to commend Spain for the presentation of a mid-term report following the previous UPR as well as for the comprehensive report presented for this cycle.

Mr. President, Spain constitutes in many ways a model in the European continent. Following an exemplary peaceful transition the country built a vibrant democracy that resisted to the challenges of terrorism to which Spain was confronted for decades and to an economic crisis that affected it significantly.

Spain successfully integrated the vast majority of foreigners established in the country. Furthermore, the society and most politicians resisted the temptation of populism and of anti foreigner discourse.

Romania has two recommendations for Spain: to continue the cooperation with the UN in the area of human rights and to continue to combat trafficking in human beings.

Thank you very much, Mr. President