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**Statement by Romania
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Mr. President,

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

We would like to commend Sweden for its commitment to achieve full respect of human rights, as well as for the UPR mid-term report produced in 2012.

We also took positive note of the various concrete measures implemented over the last years, among which the approval of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, the adoption of the Strategy on Roma inclusion for 2012-2032 and the setting-up of the commission against anti-gypsyism, the adoption of the Strategy for strengthening child rights.

Since some challenges still remain, as acknowledged in the national report, we would like to recommend the Government of Sweden the following:

1. to continue consolidating the Equality Ombudsman's mandate in combating discrimination;
2. to step up efforts aimed at combating trafficking in human beings; and child sex tourism.
3. to intensify action.

Thank you, Mr. President.