



## PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA to the United Nations Office in Geneva and the International Organization in Switzerland

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the working group on UPR – Bulgaria

## Statement by Romania

Thank you Mr. President,

Romania welcomes the distinguished delegation of Bulgaria.

We took note of the progress achieved since the last UPR such as the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention for the Prevention of Torture, the creation of a national human rights institution and the international co-operation on the fighting the trafficking in human beings..

We congratulate the Bulgarian authorities for the national report presented, which takes stock of the achievements as well as of the challenges the country is facing.

We present the following recommendations:

- 1) To continue the fighting of trafficking of human beings and the international cooperation in this respect
- 2) To continue the strengthening of the judicial power
- 3) To uphold the standards on the protection of the rights of persons belonging to minorities

Thank you Mr. President