**Statement by Romania**

**The 46th session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Cyprus**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes the delegation of Cyprus and wishes it a successful outcome of its UPR exercise.

Romania would like to congratulate Cyprus for its efforts deployed in the field of fighting racism and discrimination and welcomes the Cypriot National Roma Strategic Framework for 2021-2030, as well as the development, by the Ministry of Education, of a Code of Conduct against Racism. We also welcome the steps taken towards gender equality and specifically the increased presence of women in high-ranking political positions.

This cycle, Romania would like to constructively recommend Cyprus to:

1. Further strengthen efforts to combat, prevent, eradicate and punish trafficking in persons and ensure the adequate protection of victims;
2. Continue efforts in preventing gender-based violence, by providing extensive training and awareness raising on women’s rights and gender-based violence to all relevant stakeholders;
3. Improve disaggregated data collection on all forms of violence against children and continue improving the national response to it, through proper investigation, prosecution, and conviction of perpetrators in such cases.

Thank you, Mr. President!