**Statement by Romania**

**The 47th session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Costa Rica**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes Costa Rica’s delegation and wishes it a successful outcome of this review.

We welcome Costa Rica’s efforts and progress achieved since the last UPR, including through constitutional and legal reforms and in areas related, among others, to equal participation of women in politics, environment protection and climate change and digital advancements. We encourage Costa Rica to keep further its commitment to human rights and to formulate a plan of action in the follow-up to the fourth cycle of the UPR.

Romania recommends constructively that Costa Rica:

1. Establish complaint and support centres and adapted policies for all victims of violence, discrimination, hate speech and xenophobia, including for migrants and other persons in vulnerable situations, especially in digital spaces and social networks;
2. Allocate sufficient resources for the implementation of the national policy against human trafficking and adopt legislation to stop child sex tourism;
3. Take measures to increase youth employment opportunities and to ensure non-discriminatory and adequate conditions to access labour market by all those in search of a job.

Thank you, Mr. President!