**Statement by Romania**

**The 48th session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Italy**

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Mr. President,

We commend Italy’s progress achieved since the last UPR, especially in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities, through Law 227/2021 and the following. We also particularly applaud the State’s increased focus on gender equality and promoting women’s rights and empowerment in the economic field. We encourage Italy to continue these positive developments.

Romania constructively recommends that Italy:

1. Pursue measures aimed at effectively combatting racism, xenophobia and discrimination against migrants and persons belonging to minorities and prohibiting the use of racial profiling by law enforcement officers;
2. Strengthen efforts to address the ongoing *de facto* statelessness, especially among Roma in formal settlements without regular documentation;
3. Boost efforts to ensure access to education for all children, without discrimination and take suitable action to address the school dropout rate.

We wish Italy a successful outcome of its review!