**Statement by Romania**

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

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Mr. President,

We commend the progress achieved by Slovenia since the last UPR, especially in promoting measures related to gender equality and women empowerment and we wish Slovenia a successful implementation of the National Programme for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men 2023-2030. We also appreciate the State’s increased focus on fighting hate crime and hate speech, including through the various legislative measures and awareness raising campaigns adopted.

In this vein, Romania constructively recommends that Slovenia:

1. continue to strengthen efforts to thoroughly combat discrimination, intolerance and hate speech, in order to minimize the impunity gap and effectively prosecute and sanction all instances of hate speech;
2. intensify efforts to tackle the low enrolment rates of girls with disabilities in mainstream education, to successfully ensure access to education for all children at all levels, without discrimination.

We wish Slovenia a successful outcome of its review!