**37th session of the UPR Working group: Australia**

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**Intervention by Romania**

Madam President,

Romania warmly welcomes the Australian delegation to the UPR Working Group.

We salute Australia’s commitment to protecting and promoting human rights which is reflected in domestic policies and institutions and in its international engagement and advocacy.

While welcoming the progress achieved since the previous review, such as the establishment of a National Action Plan on human trafficking and slavery, challenges still remain, including those regarding the protection of children from violence, abuse and reducing the rates of children in out-of-home care.

Romania has the following recommendations:

* to continue the efforts with a view to fully incorporating the CRC into domestic legislation and policies, as well as the steps for a more coherent strategy for protecting children’s rights;
* to continue to address the problem of overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the total prisoner population;
* to continue to strengthen the implementation of measures aimed at combating human trafficking.

We wish the delegation of Australia a successful UPR process.

I thank you.