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**Intervention by Romania**

Madam President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of the Sultanate of Oman and thank them for the presentation.

Romania commends the progress achieved by the Sultanate of Oman since its last UPR cycle, especially in terms of aligning national legislations with Oman’s international human rights obligations. At the same time, we would like to welcome the Sultanate’s accession to important international human rights treaties, as well as the withdrawal of reservations to some core human rights international treaties.

The persistence of some reservations on CEDAW provisions on the issue of divorce, child custody, gender-based violence or marital rape remains, however, a matter of concern. We recommend the Omani authorities to continue strengthening efforts to fully eliminate discrimination of women in law and practice.

Furthermore, we would like to make the following recommendations:

* to continue the efforts aimed at aligning national legislation with international human rights standards;
* to ratify the ICCPR and to commute all death sentences to prison sentences;
* to continue the legislative initiatives aimed at enabling a conducive environment for the civil society and favorable for a more open manifestation of individual opinions.

We wish the Sultanate of Oman a successful review!

I thank you.