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**Intervention by Romania**

Madam/Mr. President,

Romania would like to thank the delegation of Rwanda for the presentation of its national report and to acknowledge the full commitment of the authorities in Kigali to the UPR process.

We take note of the determination of national authorities to improve the human rights record in the areas highlighted during the previous review cycle.

While important steps have been taken to bring the Constitution and legal framework in line with the international standards in the field of human rights, there are still efforts to be made.

In this context, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To continue strengthening the legal system in order to ensure the freedom of expression and the freedom of assembly and association;
2. To consolidate the national capacities to guarantee respect for the due process and access to justice for all;
3. To reconsider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
4. To ensure an independent, impartial investigation of all allegations of extrajudicial, arbitrary or summary executions and enforced disappearances, as well as the prosecution of those found guilty.

I thank you.