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**Intervention by Romania**

Madam President,

Romania welcomes the delegation of Georgia and would like to thank them for the presentation of the national report. We commend the progress made since the previous UPR cycle, especially in the field of judicial reforms, reducing inequalities and improving prison and detention conditions. We further encourage the Government to continue reforms in these regards.

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

- to keep up with the efforts to ensure gender equality and women economic empowerment;

- to further develop the framework of protection of the rights of vulnerable groups as women, children, people with disabilities;

- to improve conditions for teaching Georgian as a second language among persons belonging to national or ethnic minorities;

- to carry on with the work of submission of overdue reports to the U.N. treaty bodies, and finally;

- to continue mobilizing efforts of the international community to ensure unrestricted access of international human rights and humanitarian organizations to the Georgia occupied territories of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia.

We wish the delegation of Georgia a successful UPR process.

Thank you.