**The 38th session of the UPR Working Group: Estonia**

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**Intervention by Romania**

Madam President,

Romania welcomes the members of the Estonian delegation to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the national report and substantive presentation.

We salute Estonia’s commitment to human rights both at national and international level. We commend the swift transition to digital activity, such as teleworking, and e-learning in educational institutions during the state of emergency instated during the COVID-19 pandemic. .

We welcome the establishment of a national institution for the promotion and protection of human rights in compliance with the Paris Principles, as one of the most important developments since the previous Cycle.

We have the following recommendations:

* To continue the national consultations and preparations for accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
* To take further steps to ensureenhancing the child protection system with special emphasis on tackling violence against children;
* To continue to adopt measures against trafficking in human beings and to increase its engagement in the regional and international cooperation in this field.

We wish Estonia a successful outcome of the review.

I thank you.