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**Intervention by Romania**

Madam President,

Romania welcomes Hungary’s delegation to the UPR Working Group session and thanks for its report and presentation.

Romania expresses appreciation for the measures taken by Hungary concerning the persons with disabilities.

Romania considers that further actions need to be taken in the area of protection of the rights of persons belonging to national minorities, especially on the so-called “ethno-business” phenomenon, which challenges the effective protection of the ethnic and linguistic identity of persons belonging to national minorities in Hungary.

On a general note, Romania considers there is a need for Hungarian authorities to alleviate the climate of intolerance highlighted at international monitoring level and create the adequate conditions for persons belonging to national minorities to express their culture and identity.

Therefore, at this stage Romania makes the following **recommendations:**

* Ensure that, in the context of the new legislation adopted in 2020, the so-called “ethno-business” phenomenon will be tackled in an efficient way and that the self-governments are true representatives of the interests of persons belonging to national minorities on whose behalf they act;
* Ensure an effective and qualitative education in minority languages at all levels of education, including by providing teachers able to teach subjects in minority languages;
* Ensure proper financing of media in minority languages and extend the duration of television programmes in order to properly promote the minority languages;
* Promote the use of minority languages in the public sphere and encourage their use in relations with administrative authorities.

Thank you, Madam President.