**The 39th session of the UPR Working Group: Ireland**

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**Intervention by Romania**

Madam President,

Romania thanks the Irish delegation for the broad overview of the significant developments since the previous examination cycle, and the 2020 midterm report.

We welcome the ratification of the core UN human rights treaties and we encourage Ireland to continue the process of accession to, or ratification of, the pending main international human rights instruments.

The progress made in advancing the national human rights legal and policy framework is commendable in areas such as: combating domestic, sexual and gender-based violence, education for children with special educational needs, health, social and economic measures implemented for alleviating the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Romania wishes to make the following **recommendations:**

* Entering into force of the Birth Information and Tracing Bill and the necessary framework able to tackle the legacy issues of people who were in institutional care;
* Continuing the application of the current National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy beyond 2021 until a new Strategy is developed;
* Implementing the Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027, that help addressing a full range of issues connected to children and young people at risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system;

We wish the Irish delegation a successful outcome of the UPR.

Thank you.