**Statement by Romania**

**The 40th session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Lithuania**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes Lithuania’s delegation to the UPR Working Group session and thanks it for the comprehensive report and presentation.

We would like to congratulate Lithuania for its election as a member of the Human Rights Council/HRC and to reassure it of our support for the priorities set for the current mandate.

We commend Lithuania for the significant achievements in advancing the national human rights legal and policy framework since the previous examination cycle, such as the legislative amendments, the administrative measures and comprehensive programmes undertaken for ensuring, among others, full protection of the rights of the child, the involvement of young people in the decision-making processes, gender equality, the rights of persons with disabilities.

We appreciate that the 2021-2024 Government Programme provides for the instruments to guarantee political, economic, social, civil and cultural rights and that strategic plans were developed targeting specific areas, such as the 2021-2030 Lithuanian National Progress Plan.

Romania would like to recommend Lithuania to:

1. Continue its efforts of improving the national legislation enabling it to finalize the process of ratification and further implementation of the Istanbul Convention;
2. Strengthen the actions and programmes put in place in the field of education onhuman rights, including with the aim of preventing manifestations of hatred;
3. Ensure the continuation of theAction Plan for Roma Integration into the Lithuanian Society and the implementation of other programmes developed successfully so far for Romasocial and educational integration.

We wish Lithuania’s delegation a successful outcome of the UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President!