**Statement by Romania**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes Tunisia’s delegation and thanks it for the report.

As the 4th UPR cycle is meant to focus on the implementation process of previous recommendations, we appreciate Tunisia’s efforts in this respect in several areas, such as the promotion of gender equality principle.

While taking note of the comprehensive process of reform started in July 2021,

Romania would like to recommend Tunisia to:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive national human rights strategy;
2. Ensure that national laws, including the Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedures, the Military Code of Justice, and the 2022 Constitution, comply with Tunisia’s international human rights obligations;
3. Guarantee the independence of the judiciary through the adoption of a law protecting magistrates from any intervention by the executive power;
4. Develop and adopt an action plan of reforms as stated by the Truth and Dignity Commission's recommendations in order to guarantee the non-recurrence of serious human rights violations, as stated by the 53-2013 law on Transitional Justice;
5. End the practice of military trials for civilians and drop all charges against those facing prosecution for peacefully exercising their human rights.

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

Thank you, Mr. President!