**Statement by Romania**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes Indonesia’s delegation and its UPR report.

We appreciate Indonesia’s progress since the previous examination cycle in advancing the national human rights legal and policy framework, especially with regard to the protection of women and child rights as well as those of persons with disabilities and migrant workers. The National Action Plan for Human Rights as well as the efforts in dealing with COVID-19 pandemic challenges are commendable.

Romania would like to recommend Indonesia to:

1. Ensure that the current revision of the Penal Code is in line with international relevant standards and best practices;
2. Ensure a safe and secure space of expression for civil society, including for environmental and human rights defenders and for journalists by revising the relevant domestic legal framework;
3. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), aiming at the abolition of the death penalty and, as a first step, establish a moratorium on executions;
4. Issue a standing invitation to UN Special Procedures and invite the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief allowing unhindered access during the visits;
5. Undertake legal measures in view of putting an end to female genital mutilation practice.

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

Thank you, Mr. President!