**Statement by Romania**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes UK’s delegation and wishes it a successful outcome of the UPR.

We appreciate UK’s positive developments in advancing national human rights protection in areas linked to equality and non-discrimination, combating hate crime and domestic abuse and welcome the ratification this summer of the Istanbul Convention.

Romania would like to address UK the following recommendations:

1. Ensure equitable access to education in public schools for all children while combating the bullying phenomenon offline and online;
2. Elaborate and implement an emergency poverty strategy that addresses the impact of rising costs on child poverty targets and on access to affordable, accessible and culturally-appropriate social housing.
3. Take further steps to improve the identification of victims of trafficking and provide them with the necessary assistance in their recovery.

Thank you, Mr. President!