**Statement by Romania**

**The 42nd session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Guatemala**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes Guatemala’s delegation and its continued engagement with the UPR process.

We appreciate the measures adopted for some groups in vulnerable situations. We note, however, the challenges that Guatemala continues to face in the effective implementation of its human rights obligations.

Romania would like to constructively address the following recommendations:

1. Adopt comprehensive legislation in the field of combating discrimination, prohibiting and sanctioning all forms of discrimination;
2. Continue efforts aimed at reducing the significant level of illiteracy among girls and women;
3. Ensure that justice actors and civil servants can continue to carry out their work - including in the fight against corruption, human trafficking, disappearances and reprisals against human rights defenders and journalists - without external or internal pressure.

We wish Guatemala a successful outcome of the UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President!