**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 43rd Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Romania**

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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President]

Australia welcomes Romania's commitment to fulfil its human rights obligations and its introduction of an anti-corruption strategy. We commend Romania for the considerable support it has provided to people forced to leave Ukraine.

Australia recommends **Romania**:

1. **Fully implement the Roma Inclusion Plan to combat prejudice and violence against Roma people, including allocation of necessary funding.**
2. **Provide systematic training for law enforcement to identify, investigate and prosecute hate crimes, to enhance cooperation between police and people in marginalised situations, especially Roma and LGBTI communities.**
3. **Operationalise and fund National Plans in the field of HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health and rights, including enhanced access to testing and prevention for key populations, and implement education programs in schools.**

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