Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR43 – Romania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of Romania and thanks it for its National Report.

We commend the Government’s active role as a member of the UN Human Rights Council and all its efforts to promote and protect respect for human rights.

Lithuania positively notes the progress made by Romania since the last UPR cycle. In particular, we welcome the *National Strategy on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction for 2022- 2027* as well as the adoption of legal acts on gender equality and on prevention of gender-based and sexual violence. We also commend actions taken to further improve protection of the rights of the child and persons in vulnerable situations.

Lithuania wishes to offer Romania the following recommendations:

* One, continue measures, including appropriate budgetary allocations, to combat all forms of violence, especially domestic and gender-based violence.
* Two, consider strengthening access to education and health services, especially for Roma children and persons in vulnerable situations.

We wish to the delegation of Romania a successful review.

I thank you.