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**Universal Periodic Review of Romania**

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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Romania and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that Romania

1. Step up efforts to investigate allegations of abuse and ill-treatment of persons deprived of their liberty as well as of police brutality, especially against Roma.

2. Ensure and protect the full independence and impartiality of the judiciary and prevent any form of pressure or interference with its judicial functions.

3. Enhance efforts to effectively combat trafficking in women and children for the purposes of sexual exploitation and begging, including by addressing its root causes, training of public officials and stepping up the criminal justice response.

4. Ensure quality education in rural areas and intensify efforts to decrease the school dropout rate.

5. Ratify the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression.

We wish you a successful UPR. I thank you.