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Mr. President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Romania to this UPR Session and wishes the country a successful review.

South Africa commends Romania for its commitment to fight corruption, including through the adoption of its 6th National Anti- corruption Strategy (NAS) for the period 2021-2025.

In order to ensure progress in promoting and protecting human rights, South Africa wishes to respectively recommend that Romania:

1. Bolster efforts to prevent the trafficking of persons including through the training of authorities to deal with human trafficking cases in a victim-sensitive and trauma-sensitive manner.
2. Ensure full access to sexual and reproductive health services including age-appropriate educational programmes in schools on sexual and reproductive health.
3. Enhance measures to prevent discrimination against all vulnerable groups, including women, children and persons living with HIV/AIDS, person from the LGBTI+ community, the Roma and other ethnic and racial minorities.
4. Continue efforts towards inclusive education, especially for students living in rural areas, students from minorities and students with disabilities.

I thank you