**National Statement delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary,**

 **during the 4th UPR Review of Romania**

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Mr. Vice President,

We welcome the delegation of Romania and thank it for presentation of the 4th UPR report.

We acknowledge the steps taken by Romania in the areas such as protection of children, persons with disabilities and combatting domestic violence and enactment of National Strategy on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction for 2022-2027 and the National Programme for Local Development.

We have the following recommendations:

* Strengthen institutional and legislative measures to prevent and eradicate trafficking in persons, including through training of law enforcement officials, judges and prosecutors;
* Redouble efforts to combat violence against women and children; and
* Protect religious minorities’ right to practice their faith and in line with their religious values, including the right to food, dress and education.

We wish Romania a successful UPR.

I thank you!