

*Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès des Nations Unies et auprès des institutions spécialisées à Genève*

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| **WG UPR 43 – Romania**  ***Belgian intervention***  2 May 2023 |

President,

Belgium welcomes the efforts and positive steps made by Romania since its previous UPR. Notwithstanding these efforts, important challenges remain, in particular regarding women’s rights, LGBTQI+ rights and Roma rights.

Belgium therefore recommends the government of Romania to:

**R1.** Continue to strive for the full integration of Roma children in the school system and allocate the necessary means to this end.

**R2.** Amend ordinance No 137/2000 on preventing and sanctioning all forms of discrimination to include gender identity as one of the grounds of discrimination.

**R3.** Adopt and adequately fund a national strategy for sexual and reproductive health, including access to contraception and safe abortion.

Thank you, President