**Statement by Romania**

**The 43nd session of the UPR Working Group: Review of the State of Israel**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes the delegation of Israel and wishes it a succesful outcome of the UPR.

Romania commends the State of Israel for the achievements in the field of combatting trafficking in human beings and welcomes Israel’s joining Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

Romania commends the progress achieved thus far regarding the protection and promotion of human rights for persons with disabilities and encourages Israel to continue its efforts.

We would like to address the following recommendations:

1. Consider further measures to ensure that all rights of children in detention are respected in accordance with Israel’s international committments and that the use of administrative detention is minimized;
2. Ensure equal treatment, respect for and protection of the rights of all persons within the territory under its jurisdiction and the territory under its occupation, regardless of their national or ethnic origin.

Thank you!