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**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Romania and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Ukraine acknowledges the achievements of Romania in the implementation of recommendations in various human rights aspects, including in the fields of equality and non-discrimination, protection of victims of human trafficking, administration of justice among others.

We were pleased to learn, in particular, about the significant steps taken towards ensuring compliance of the Romanian NHRIs with the Paris Principles as well as about efforts in establishing Ombudsman for children, in line with Ukraine’s recommendations during the second UPR cycle.

We commend Romania’s constructive approach to the protection of rights of national minorities through the dialogue and cooperation.

Ukraine would like to recommend to the Government of Romania:

* to continue implementing the recommendations of the universal and regional human rights Treaty Bodies, in particular, with regard to creating favourable conditions to enable national minorities to express and develop their culture, traditions and customs in their own language, and to further encourage knowledge of the history, traditions and culture of various minority groups;
* to finalize the process of accreditation of NHRIs with the status responding to Paris Principles.

**Thank you.**