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**Review of Malaysia**

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**Interventionby Romania**

Thank you Mr. President,

Romania congratulates the delegation of Malaysia for thepresentation of the third report in the UPR framework and encourages the Government to fully take into account there commendations made under the review mechanism.

The implementation of the recommendations by the relevant authorities, as it is reflected in the reports submitted to this session of the Working Group, demonstrates the commitment of Malaysia to improve the fulfillment of the obligations related to the promotion and protection of human rights at a national level.

We acknowledge the positive developments related to the capital punishment, especially the removal of the mandatory death sentence for drug offenses and the recent introduction of a moratorium on executions, while the Government has firmly declared its intention to abolish the death penalty.

Romania has the following recommendations:

1. Encourages the Government and furthermore the Parliament to take the necessary steps for the abolishment of the death penalty and to revise the cases of the people on the deathrow.
2. To continue th eefforts of adhering to international legal instruments in the field of human rights, inter alia, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court.

Thankyou Mr. President.