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**Intervention by Romania**

Mr. President,

Romania welcomes the delegation of Afghanistan for the presentation of the third national report in the UPR framework and notes the tremendous efforts made to improve the human rights record in a very difficult context. While consolidating the security and stability of the country remain a key factor, no efforts should be spared in order to ensure the full exercise of human rights by all Afghan citizens.

We recommend the Afghan authorities:

1. To continue the steps undertaken in order to achieve the empowerment of women especially in the economic field;

2. To take concrete measures in order to ensure the protection of the rights of the child including through the access to education for all and the prevention of sexual abuses and child recruitment;

3. To build on the positive elements of the recent electoral experiences in order to ensure the consolidation and the viability of the electoral system.

Thank you Mr. President.