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**Review of the Slovak Republic**

**Intervention by Romania**

Mr. President,

Romania warmly welcomes the delegation of the Slovak Republic and appreciates the thorough and detailed presentation on the human rights situation in the country.

We commend the adoption, in 2015, of the National Strategy for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. Romania welcomes the measures taken by the Slovak Government to protect children and women against violence, to promote gender equality and to facilitate access to education, particularly for pupils from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. In this respect, Romania also appreciates Slovakia’s efforts in the field of promotion and protection of rights of persons belonging to national minorities.

Romania has the following recommendations for the Slovak Republic:

- To continue to improve the functioning of the judicial system in order to enhance the efficiency of judicial proceedings;

- To further consolidate measures in support of people with disabilities;

- To continue efforts against discrimination and on the prevention and elimination of racism, xenophobia, anti-semitism and other forms of intolerance.

We wish the Slovak Republic a successful UPR process.

Thank you.