**The 35th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Wednesday, 23 January 2020**

**Review of Kenya**

**Intervention by Romania**

Madame President,

Romania welcomes the delegation of Kenya and thanks them for the presentation of the National Report.

We congratulate Kenya for the institutional reforms since the last UPR cycle and the measures undertaken, especially the ones intended for the abolition of the death penalty. We salute the continuation of the Kenyan national and county governments’ efforts to ensure a better management and the protection of refugees hosted in their country, having in mind that Kenya is the third largest refugee hosting country in the Horn of Africa’s region.

While commending the fact that the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the mandatory death penalty, we recommend Kenya to continue the steps necessary for the abolition of the death penalty.

We wish Kenya a successful UPR process.

Thank you.