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**Intervention by Romania**

Madam President,

Romania warmly welcomes the U.S. delegation to the third UPR cycle.

We commend the United States for their commitment to the fundamental rights of all individuals and for the cause of democracy and human freedom at both national and international levels.

We acknowledge the efforts to address challenges to the promotion and protection of human rights, in particular in the field of racial discrimination and the excessive use of force by police. We recommend that the implementation of reforms to address these recurrent issues continues.

We would also like to make the following recommendations:

- continuing the efforts towards the abolition of death penalty;

- to finalize the ratification process of a series of human rights instruments which were already signed, namely ICESCR, CEDAW, CRC, CRPD;

- to explore the option of introducing a by-law mandatory paid minimum maternity leave.

We wish the delegation of United States a successful UPR outcome.

I thank you.