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Romania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel warmly welcomes the delegation of Romania to the UPR, and would like to thank it for its comprehensive national report.

We acknowledge the attention Romania has given to following up on recommendation it received in the previous cycle of UPR. We would especially like to commend Romania on its instrumental role as chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, leading to the adoption of a working definition of Anti-Semitism.

Israel would like to offer Romania the following recommendations:

- We take note of the important role played by the National Council for Combating Discrimination, and would like to recommend that the NCCD increase its efforts to fight discrimination against people belonging to minority and other vulnerable groups.
- 2. While acknowledging measures already taken by Romania to prevent discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS, we would like to recommend that Romania consider the adoption of a national strategy on HIV/AIDS.

Israel would like to take this opportunity to wish Romania every success in its UPR.

Thank you.