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Déclaration introductive de la délégation de Roumanie

Seulement le texte prononcé fait foi

Monsieur le Président,

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Distinguées membres du Comité,

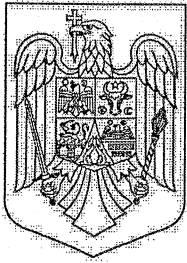
J'ai l'honneur de présider la délégation de la Roumanie qui va présenter l'application de la Convention contre la Torture par la Roumanie.

Nous sommes conscients de fait que la Roumanie a présenté le rapport depuis longtemps. Néanmoins, les gouvernements successifs du pays ont eu, comme objectif à long terme la conformité de la législation, politiques publiques et des pratiques avec les dispositions de la Convention contre la Torture ainsi qu'avec les autres obligations juridiques et engagements politiques assumées par notre pays, notamment avec la Déclaration Universelle des Droits de l'Homme, le Pacte international relatif aux droits civils et politiques et ses Protocoles Facultatifs.

Also, Romania ratified the main European instruments in this matter, the Convention for Safeguard of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention of Human Rights) and its additional Protocols as well as the European Convention for the Prevention of Tortures and Inhuman or Degrading Treatments or Punishments and its additional Protocols.

Apart from the ratification, Romania, did accept all international cooperation mechanisms, including the visits. In this respect the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture visited Romania since 1995. All the reports of the visits were published at the request of the Government. The most recent visit occurred in 2014 and the answer of the Romanian authorities is being drafted.

Also, following the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, we did create our own National Prevention Mechanism which functions since 2014 within the institution of the Peoples' Advocate, the Romanian Ombudsmen institution.



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On legislation, the most important steps undertaken were the revision of the Constitution of Romania, the reform of the judiciary and penitentiary system as well as the adoption of special legislation aiming at the regulating specific aspects on the protection of fundamental rights. The changes of the legislation allowed the victims of the crimes to have access to legal aid or compensations for the infringement of their rights. Also, the legislation created the framework needed for an effective protection for the victims of human trafficking or domestic violence.

Meanwhile a series of institutions were established in order to implement the legislation and to support the persons whose rights were violated.

Also, we did achieve significant progress concerning the international judicial cooperation especially on criminal matters and extradition, aspects that were detailed in the answers on the implementation of articles 3 and 9 of the Convention. We strengthened the policies that ensure the protection of migrants (including the asylum seekers) and the prevention of exploitation.

Since 2007 as a member of the European Union, Romania undertook all steps in order to ensure the compliance of the national legislation with the acquis of the EU and, meanwhile to develop the framework of the implementation of the Convention against Torture.

In 2014 the reform of the judicial system reached its most important result by entry into force of seven new pieces of penal legislation. We mention the Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, the two Acts of implementation, the acts on the execution of punishments as well as the Act on the probation system.

We may conclude that the reform process undertaken by Romania in the last 20 years led to significant delays in presenting the reports on the fulfilment of the obligations undertaken as result of ratification of the UN Convention. Nevertheless, all the relevant institutions are working in order to address this issue and to present the pending reports. In 2014 we presented the report on the implementation of the Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights and shortly after this report we will present the report on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We reaffirm the commitment of Romania towards the promotion and protection of human rights and we are ready to cooperate in order to identify the best models and solutions to effectively realise these rights.

The delegation present here is ready to answer all your questions.

Thank you very much!