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The Permanent Mission of Romania to the U.N. Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honor to refer to its Note Verbale of 4 June 2008, and Note Informative of 8 August 2008 regarding the Human Rights Council resolution 7/9 on "Human Rights of persons with disabilities", and present, hereby, attached, the response of the Romanian authorities to the respective questions.

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the UN Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland avail itself of this opportunity to renew the Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## **Romania**

### **Human Rights Council Resolution 7/9 – Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

I. Romania signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 26 September 2007 and has initiated the ratification process. At present, the relevant Romanian authorities are preparing to submit, for consideration and approval, the draft law for ratification.

At the same time, the authorities are focusing on harmonizing the national legislation with the provisions of the Convention. A comprehensive plan of legislative amendments is envisaged in this regard. Discussions are ongoing on this subject. Among the normative acts that will need to be amended are the law on the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities and the Governmental Decision regulating the activity of the National Authority for Persons with Disabilities. Given the complexity and the inter-disciplinary nature of the topic, it is difficult to indicate a timeframe for the completion of this task.

With regard to the designation of the focal point for matters relating to the Convention and of the independent mechanism to promote, protect and monitor its implementation, a decision has not yet been taken. All issues pertaining to the observance of art. 33 of the Convention are, currently, under discussion among the relevant national institutions. In Romania, the situation of children with disabilities is under the responsibility of the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of the Child, while that of adults with disabilities falls under the competence of the National Authority for Persons with Disabilities.

All measures circumscribed to the ratification process are initiated and coordinated by the National Authority for Persons with Disabilities, the specialized agency of the central public administration, in collaboration with all relevant public authorities.

II. Romania is ready to sign the Optional Protocol to the above-mentioned UN Convention in September 2008, during the treaty signing ceremony at the opening of the 63rd session of the General Assembly in New York.