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Statements made by State under review at the HRC under item 6 after the adoption of the UPR report

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"Since I only have time to point out a few achievements, I would like to mention that a full mid-term report on implementation has been sent to all missions, and copies are available in the back of the room. Let me therefore mention at least some measures already taken as a follow-up of recommendations received:

In March 2010, the Government adopted the National Programme of Measures for the Roma for the period from 2010 to 2015.

In July 2010, a law regulating the status of the so called "erased" was passed, serving as a legal basis for the solution of this issue.

In February 2011 the Parliament adopted a Declaration on the Situation of Persons Belonging to Ethnic Groups from the Former Yugoslavia and in May 2011 a Governmental Council was established to deal with issues pertaining to these ethnic groups.

A new Family Code was adopted by the Parliament, equalizing same sex partnerships with the union between a man and a woman. The Code also prohibits the physical punishment of children. Before entering into force, however, it must first be confirmed by a legislative referendum at the end of March.

We consider it a positive sign in the fight for gender equality that almost 36% of all members of Parliament elected at the latest parliamentary elections in December 2011 are women".