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The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations Office in Geneva and the International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to the joint communication AL ROU 2/2026 addressed by the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, has the honour to submit attached the reply of the Romanian national authorities to said communication.

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations Office in Geneva and International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 14 August 2026

Annex - Response of the Romanian authorities to AL ROU 2-2026

The Secretariat of the Special Procedures Branch
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- in town -



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**Response of the Romanian authorities to the communication addressed by the
UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and
consequences**

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Following receipt of letter no. AL ROU 2/2026 concerning an alleged failure by Romanian authorities to conduct a prompt, effective, impartial and victim-centered investigation into the sexual violence experienced by a woman, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania presents its reply to the Special Procedures mandate holder following a thorough consultation with relevant Romanian authorities.

The reply contains information received from the Public Ministry – General Prosecutor’s Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice regarding the procedural steps undertaken by the competent judicial unit, the Directorate for the Investigation of Organized Crime and Terrorism (hereinafter, "DIICOT").

On 11 February 2026 DIICOT registered the complaint submitted by [REDACTED] as part of a criminal file opened in 2003 regarding the setting up of an international organized criminal group and trafficking in persons.

The complaint had been forwarded to DIICOT on 10 February 2026 by the relevant unit of the Romanian Police – the Bucharest Brigade for Combatting Organized Crime. The file submitted by the specialized police unit contained the following prior electronic correspondence:

- 17 January 2026 - electronic message with the preliminary complaint as injured party by [REDACTED] addressed to the Bucharest Police;
- 23 January 2026 - electronic message by [REDACTED] addressed to the Bucharest Police requesting confirmation of receipt of the complaint;
- 28 January 2026 - electronic message from the Romanian police requesting the additional details;
- 2 February 2026 – electronic message from the General Directorate of the Romanian Police – Sexual Crimes Unit – to [REDACTED];



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- 3 February 2026 – internal assessment of the complaint by the General Directorate of the Romanian Police – Sexual Crimes Unit;
- 10 February 2026 – registration of the complaint with the Bucharest Brigade for Combatting Organized Crime.

Following the registration of the complaint on 11 February 2026, DIICOT contacted [REDACTED] by electronic message on 16 February 2026 requesting a phone number at which she can be contacted. The phone number was received on 17 February 2026 by email and following a phone call conversation, the Romanian judicial representatives and [REDACTED] agreed to hold a hearing via videoconference on 26 February 2026.

On 25 February 2026 DIICOT received an electronic message from [REDACTED] informing that the Romanian legal counsel chosen by [REDACTED] is unavailable for the scheduled date and she would follow-up with subsequent suitable alternative dates. No further information was received by Romanian judicial authorities since that moment.

Given that the present case is subjected to an ongoing criminal investigation, the proceedings of which are confidential, additional information cannot be disclosed at this stage.

Romania reiterates its full commitment to prevent and sanction acts of violence against women and address the causes and consequences of such acts, in accordance with its obligations under international and national law. We attach great importance to the work of the Rapporteur, an essential mechanism for safeguarding compliance with these obligations at global level.

Safeguarding women's rights and taking efficient public actions to prevent and eliminate any form of violence and discrimination of any kind against women and girls is a key priority at national level. In March 2026 the Romanian Parliament has unanimously approved legislation to prevent and combat femicide, introducing a specific legal definition into national law for the first time. The law no. 53/2026, promulgated by Presidential Decree no. 232/2026 and published in the Official Journal no. 323 of 23 April 2026, defines femicide as a form of gender-based violence and penalizes it similarly to aggravated homicide, with penalties ranging from 15 to 25 years to life imprisonment. Among the measures included are the recognition of orphans as direct victims, the aggravating circumstance for crimes committed in the



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presence of minors, and the ability to initiate *ex officio* criminal prosecution in cases of violence.

When the Romanian Parliament resumes activity, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will bring the materials provided by the Special Rapporteur in the *Annex* to the dedicated parliamentary committee in view of examining whether additional legislative action is required.