

## **Statement by Romania at the 76th plenary session of the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

Monsieur le Haut-Commissaire,  
Monsieur le Président,  
Chers collègues,

La Roumanie s'associe à la déclaration présentée par le Danemark au nom de plusieurs États membres européens.

Monsieur le Haut-Commissaire nous tenons à saluer votre engagement sans faille envers les personnes déplacées dans le monde entier. Votre leadership a non seulement renforcé l'efficacité du HCR, mais il a aussi incarné les valeurs de solidarité et de dignité humaine que nous partageons tous. Nous vous remercions sincèrement, ainsi que toute l'équipe du HCR, pour votre important travail. Votre mandat illustre l'importance du processus de réforme des Nations Unies et la vision de l'ONU à 80 ans : rendre notre action multilatérale plus efficace, inclusive et solidaire.

Mr. Chairman,

Romania continues to implement its pledges made at the Second Global Forum for Refugees and it stands ready to report on the results at the High-Level Officials' Meeting in December this year.

Celebrating 80 years of UN and 70 years of its membership, Romania reaffirms its support to effective multilateralism, the UN Charter and the International Law. Romania supports the implementation of the Pact for the Future and the UN80 Initiative, to make the UN more effective, efficient, and responsive. Romania supports the central coordinating role of the UN regarding the humanitarian response to emergencies.

Romania continues to process asylum applications in line with international standards, currently granting international protection to nearly 4,800 persons, including approximately 100 Ukrainian citizens. In addition, the Emergency Transit Centre in Timișoara remains a vital tool for urgent protection.

Romania has stood in the front line from the very first days of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, guided by solidarity and by our international and European obligations. By agreeing to adopting the EU Temporary Protection Mechanism, Romania swiftly established the legislative framework to grant immediate protection to displaced persons from Ukraine. This framework ensures access from the moment of registration to essential services such as healthcare,

education, housing, and the labour market. In August 2025, Romania hosted almost 193,000 beneficiaries of temporary protection, the vast majority Ukrainian citizens.

Mr. Chairman,

Our responsibility goes beyond protection – we are committed to integration. Refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection enjoy the same economic and social rights as Romanian citizens, including access to work, education, healthcare, and housing. We provide financial support, accommodation, language courses, cultural orientation, counselling, and professional guidance.

In partnership with UNHCR, IOM, the EU, and civil society, these efforts are reinforced by EU-funded projects, such as “*A New Home in Romania*” and “*IncludE-UA*,” which provide sustainable housing and social inclusion solutions, particularly for vulnerable groups. Regional integration centres, supported by mobile teams, ensure that support reaches communities across the country.

Romania’s commitment goes beyond legislation. It is rooted in the belief that solidarity is the foundation of stability and peace in our region. We understand the challenges: ensuring dignified living conditions, supporting children’s education, preventing vulnerabilities, and building pathways to independence.

Yet we also know we are not alone. The partnerships with UNHCR and all international and European actors are essential, and Romania remains ready to contribute actively to this collective response. In this endeavor, we continue to count on the excellent cooperation with the UNHCR Representation in Romania, whose activity we value and commend.

Mr. Chairman,

Looking ahead, our priorities are clear: maintaining temporary protection as long as needed, strengthening integration measures for those wishing to build their future in Romania, and ensuring that dignity and resilience remain at the heart of our collective action. Together, we can show that the international community provides not only protection but also hope and real opportunities for the future.

Finally, in the year we mark the UN’s 80th anniversary and 70 years of Romanian membership, our country reaffirms its belief in multilateralism that delivers. Our response reflects the UN’s vision: from emergency assistance to sustainable solutions, from vulnerability to self-reliance. In partnership with UNHCR, IOM, the EU, and civil society, we have built predictable, inclusive, and dignified mechanisms, demonstrating that, at 80 years, the UN remains our shared anchor for protecting human life and dignity.

Thank you!