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While we recognize Romania's progress in executing the 2030 Agenda and striving for sustainable development, it is disheartening to observe the ongoing issues affecting the Roma community. Despite persistent systemic obstacles, including persecution, racism, and discrimination, the Roma people remain a crucial segment of Romanian society and should not be excluded from sustainable development opportunities.

The existence of laws like PLX 145, which permits the removal of Roma children with existing conditions from their families, highlights the pressing need for a more inclusive strategy that advocates for and addresses the unique requirements of the Roma community. We urge Romania to reevaluate its stance on these matters and prioritize transforming policies and mechanisms that impede Roma inclusion in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Our intervention recommends three key steps:

First, align current legislation with global human rights standards by examining laws like PLX 145 that disproportionately impact vulnerable minorities such as the Roma population. Ensure legal frameworks support social justice, equality, and inclusivity.

Second, foster educational initiatives targeting prejudice eradication towards the Roma community starting from childhood. Enhance cross-cultural understanding by incorporating aspects of Roma history, culture, and traditions into Romanian school curricula.

Lastly but equally vital, guarantee effective representation for marginalized groups like the Roma throughout policy-making and execution stages. Foster meaningful dialogue engaging these communities by establishing collaborative networks with grassroots NGOs operating within Roma settlements.

In summary, true sustainable development can only be achieved when all members contribute fully and equally to shaping society's future. As Romania endeavors to address global challenges and meet SDGs by 2030, it is essential not to leave any community behind, including the Roma. By embracing these suggestions, Romania will display a sincere commitment to social inclusion, paving the way for a sustainable future for everyone.