

## **Statement of the Republic of Albania on the Principality of Monaco UPR**

Thank you Mr. President,

Albania welcomes the second UPR of Monaco. We commend the Principality's commitment to address Human Rights issues through effective measures and concrete actions on the ground.

Albania is glad to point out the large legal and administrative framework devoted to the protection and promotion of all citizens rights, in particular the rights of the most vulnerable people such as children, women and persons with disabilities.

My country welcomes the introduction of the Bill No. 893 on the Protection, autonomy and promotion of the rights and freedoms of persons with disabilities to the National Council, and looks forward to its adoption as the final step towards the Ratification of the CRPD.

Albania considers the establishing of the office of Minister for Appeals and Mediation as a step forward with regard to fairness and transparency to the citizens.

At the end we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Step up procedures for the ratification of CRPD;
2. Amend the criminal legislation with the view of introducing the racist motivated offence as an aggravating criminal circumstance.

We wish Monaco all the best for its future,

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