

**Statement of Republic of Albania on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia UPR**

Thank you Mr. President,

Albania welcomes the second UPR of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and commends its achievements with respect to Human Rights protection and promotion, since the last UPR session.

Albania considers the Kingdom's commitment towards the fight against trafficking, terrorism, enhancement of women rights and establishing of national mechanisms to protect and promote Human rights, as important actions on the ground.

We are satisfied to point out the increasing levels of education among girls and women, their participation in the political and social life, we believe that a society cannot prosper and develop as a whole without women.

Albania remains concerned about the ongoing practices of death penalties, corporal punishments, in particular when children and juvenile became subject to this violence. We urge the Kingdom to ban all forms of extreme punishments in accordance with international human rights treaties, to which it is party.

We would like to make the following recommendations to Saudi Arabia:

1. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Op- CAT and Op- CEDAW; Sign the Third Optional Protocol of CRC on communications procedure;
2. Abolish juvenile death penalty and corporal punishment;
3. Enhance cooperation with Human Rights Special Procedures.

Albania wishes the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia success in its future endeavours.

Thank you.