**Statement of the Members of the Troika for Albania (Austria, Kenya, Montenegro) at the 19th Session of the Working Group on UPR**

It is a great honour and privilege to present on behalf of the troika composed of Austria, Kenya and my own country Montenegro the draft report of the Working Group for the UPR of Albania distributed under the reference A/HRC/WG.6/19/L.2.

During the interactive dialogue with the State under review held on 28 April 2014, 63 delegations delivered their statements and 11 sent advance questions. As a result, Albania was presented with 165 recommendations.

The troika would like to thank the delegation of Albania led by H.E. Ms. Filoretta Kodra, Permanent Representative of Albania to UNOG, as well as other delegations for their constructive and active engagement in the process and the preparation of this report.

We are pleased that 142 recommendations were accepted, while 23 will be examined and the response provided not later than the 27th Session of the Human Rights Council in September 2014.

We have received from the delegation of Saudi Arabia a request to improve the English translation of 3 recommendations to be in line with what was read in the room. Therefore, the following changes will be made in the report:

In the recommendation no. 104. 19, page 15 the clause ‘without ignoring them’ will be added so the recommendation reads:

Respond to the recommendations of the Ombudsman without ignoring them;

In the recommendation no. 104. 77, page 19 the word ‘ Eliminate’ should be added so the recommendations reads as follows:

Eliminate or reduce the fees for litigation so that defendants are able to obtain their rights within the law ;

In the recommendation no. 105.16, page 22 the clause ‘and follow up these measures’ should be added so the recommendations reads as follows:

Take effective measures to combat cases of blood feuds and follow up these measures;

The troika would also like to address its thanks to the secretariat for its active support during the entire process.

With this in mind, the troika submits this report to the Working Group for adoption.