

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA ON UPR OF NORWAY

Thank you Mr. President,

Albania welcomes the delegation of Norway to its second UPR session.

As stated in your national report as well as in your presentation before us today and I quote "Human Rights and Democracy are key elements of the Norwegian value base". Indeed, this is why Norway has much to be proud of: its citizens enjoy the benefits from the highest standards of democracy, freedom and prosperity.

Your persistent attention to gender equality, is exemplary and one of the most obvious indicators which demonstrate how far Norway has developed its democracy and Human Rights standards.

Not less impressive are your results on advancing rights of persons with disabilities, integration of migrants and the fight against discrimination.

We also congratulate the priority given to the rights of children and the incorporation of two OP of CRC to the domestic law. To this end we would like to take the opportunity and recommend Norway to consider the ratification of the 3OP on Communication Procedures of CRC.

Thank you.