

Mr. President,

Albania welcomes the distinguished delegation of Portugal for its comprehensive national report and today's presentation.

Albania commends the ratification of the significant number of human rights treaties and recognition the full range of competences of the respective committees.

We welcome the legal amendments adopted in February 2013, in order to extend the concept of domestic violence to dating and the collection of data on domestic violence.

Also we commend the adoption of the National Strategy for the Integration of Roma Communities (2013-2020) prepared as result of a wide consultation process.

We would like to made the following recommendations:

- To ensure the government of Portugal the promotion of the economic, social and cultural rights of Roma, and the implementation of policies affecting them.
- To ratifie the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant workers and members of their Families and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
- To take further steps to combat and prevent domestic violence and ensure that victims had effective access to complaints mechanisms.

And I thank you.

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