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REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA IN GENEVA

Mr. President,

Albania welcomes the distinguished delegation of State of Qatar for their comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

Albania commends the National Committee which involves relevant stakeholders, including different institutions as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations, media, active in the field of human rights, in order to prepare the national report.

We commends the numerous legal and administrative measures undertaken by Qatar, the adoption of the National Development Strategy 2011–2016 and different sectorial strategies in the context of integrated social development.

Albania welcome also the adoption of:

- The amendments of Criminal Code which include the definition of torture in compliance with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
- The Human Trafficking Act (2011) with the aim to protect victims of trafficking, to guarantee and respect their rights, and providing them with rehabilitation and compensation and also the organization of awareness campaigns.
- The National Plan to Combat Human Trafficking which aims to prevent human trafficking and to ensure that victims receive protection, training and capacity-building for personnel working in the field of law enforcement.
- The Health and Education Fund Act (2013), which provide sustainable financial resources to support health and education services and the health insurance system compulsory.
- The Education and Training Strategy (2011–2016) which establish an education system that will meet the needs of Qatari citizens and society through the provision of educational curricula and training programs, for the current and future needs of the labor market, high-quality educational and training opportunities for all.

We would like to make the following recommendations:

- o Consider ratifying “The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families”;
- o To ensure the implementation of the existing legislation on combating trafficking; to ensure systematic procedures to identify victims of trafficking among vulnerable groups and provide protection for victims and conduct effective investigations into all allegations of trafficking.

We wish you a successful review.

Thank you.

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