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**Albania National Statement on Interactive dialog of Spain UPR
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Albania welcomes the distinguished delegation of Spain for their comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

We commend the progress made by Spain for the promotion and protection of human rights at the national level and the support provided at the international level.

Albania welcomes the ratification by Spain of the international instruments in the framework of UN and Council of Europe.

Albania commends the Reform of the Criminal Code and specially the provision of human trafficking as a particular offence. We welcome the adoption of various national human rights plans and the establishment of the National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking in 2014.

We would ask the distinguish delegation to inform us about the provisions envisaged in the new bill amending the Criminal Code, to strength the protection for victims of gender-based violence.

Albania makes the following recommendations:

- Continue implementing the measures provided in the Strategic Plan for Equality of Opportunity 2014–2016.
- To improve the procedures used to identify victims and to address the special needs of child victims of trafficking.
- To implement the National Strategy for the Social Inclusion of the ~~Gypsy~~ Roma Population in order to achieve the objectives provided for their social inclusion.

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We wish you successful review.

Thank you.