

**Albanian Statement
on UPR-Estonia**

Mr. President,

Albania welcomes the delegation of Estonia for presenting their comprehensive national report today.

We would like to commend the Estonian Government for the Welfare Development Plan 2016-2023 where the Ministry of Social Affairs has successfully prepared an Action Plan in the areas of employment, social protection, inclusion and equal opportunities.

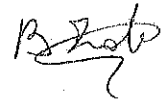
In addition, we also compliment the Government measures for adopting a new development Plan for Preventing Violence for 2015-2020, and continuing with the same priorities as the previous plan. Likewise, campaigns have been organized, focusing on domestic and gender violence, to implement the policy of awareness-raising.

While encouraging the Estonian Government for further improvements with regard to Human Rights, Albania has the following recommendations:

1. To assess the overall situation of the Roma community and to adopt a comprehensive strategy to tackle discrimination and other problems faced by that community,
2. To promote the realization of the right of everyone to take part in cultural life, including by ensuring the facilitation of access to cultural goods, particularly for disadvantaged and marginalized individuals and groups.

Albanian would once again wish Estonian Government a successful review session.

Thank you!

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