**Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

**H.E. Dr. Teuta Agai-Demjaha, Statement on UPR Adoption**

**8 May 2023, in the afternoon**

Thank you Mr. President,

Excellencies, distinguished members of the TROIKA,

On behalf of the delegation of North Macedonia, I would first like to express my gratitude to the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Albania, H.E. Mrs. Vasilika HYSI for presenting the report on North Macedonia for adoption on behalf of the TROIKA.

Allow me also to thank the delegation of Finland and Benin as members of the TROIKA for their diligence and tireless work throughout the entire process.

In addition, we would like to extend appreciation to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights particularly the UPR Secretariat for the responsiveness and continuous support.

We appreciate the constructive participation and engagement of delegations including those that submitted advanced questions.

Your recommendations, remarks, and comments will be taken into consideration with due diligence, all with a view to improving the efforts and activities that our country has been undertaking in the area of promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms.

In the meantime, we remain consistent in our determination to cooperate with all UN treaty bodies, as well as with the Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner, which North Macedonia has also manifested through its candidacy for Council membership in the 2025-2027 period.

 Finally, North Macedonia would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all delegations for their active and constructive engagement in North Macedonia’s 4th UPR.

 I thank you.