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**47th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF ALBANIA**

**4 November 2024**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia welcomes the delegation of Albania and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We commend Albania for the increase in police actions carried out in cooperation with international partners in the field of trafficking in persons, as well as for the adoption of the National Action Plan for Combating Human Trafficking in 2024-2025.

We take note of the improvements made to legislation on anti-discrimination and on gender-based violence, however more focus is needed on the enforcement of existing measures to combat domestic violence and other forms of violence against women.

Croatia has following recommendations:

1. **Encourage reporting on violence against women and girls by raising awareness about the criminal nature of gender-based violence.**
2. **Strengthen the efforts to prevent trafficking in persons, especially women and children, for the purpose of sexual and labor exploitation.**

Croatia wishes Albania a successful review session.

Thank you.