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**Albania**

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the delegation of Albania at today’s UPR and expresses its appreciation for its report.

Similarly, we welcome the progress made since Albania’s last UPR review, notably the ratification of the ILO Convention no. 190 On violence and harassment in the work, the adoption of the National Strategy for European Development and Integration 2022-2030 and the establishment of a One stop center which provides emergency services tailored for the needs of the victims of sexual violence.

Cyprus would like to recommend Albania the following:

1. Take legislative and institutional measures to comprehensively address all forms of violence against women, and particularly femicide.
2. Remove all exceptions that allow marriage for children under the age of 18.
3. Implement comprehensive programmes to promote gender sensitivity in educational institutions and address societal norms that contribute to gender inequalities.
4. Intensify measures to address and prevent corruption at all levels.

Thank you.