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**Intervention by Denmark**

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President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Albania and thanks it for its presentation.

We acknowledge Albania’s efforts to prevent and combat sexual and gender-based violence, including the opening of new emergency shelters for survivors, but SGBV remains a pressing issue that needs to be further addressed.

*Denmark recommends Albania to amend the Criminal Code with a view to incorporating a definition of rape based on lack of consent, in line with article 36 of the Istanbul Convention.*

Moreover, we welcome the National Action Plan on LGBTI+ persons. However, while the Constitution recognizes the right to marriage and family for all, same-sex marriage continues to be prohibited by the Family Code.

*Denmark recommends Albania to amend the Family Code to provide legal recognition for same-sex partnerships and marriages*

Denmark wishes Albania a successful review.

I thank you.