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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Albania and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

We welcome the positive steps Albania has taken since the last UPR cycle, particularly the efforts towards enhancing the protection of human rights through reforms in various areas, including social protection, access to justice, and rights of vulnerable populations.

Georgia positively assesses Albania’s commitment to strengthening anti-discrimination frameworks, as well as recent steps taken to enhance gender equality, including the establishment of shelters and services for survivors of gender-based violence. We also commend the adoption of national strategies focusing on juvenile justice, minority rights, and the rights of persons with disabilities.

In light of these efforts, Georgia would like to recommend to Albania:

* Continue advancing measures to ensure comprehensive support and integration for vulnerable groups, particularly women victims of gender-based violence, children in need of protection and persons with disabilities;
* Further, enhance efforts to prevent and combat early and forced marriages.

We wish the Delegation of Albania a successful UPR.