

**Statement by India during the 4th Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Albania during the 47th Session of UPR Working Group (4 to 15 November 2024) delivered by Mr. Gaurav Kumar Thakur, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva,**

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**Madam Vice-President,**

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Albania and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. We appreciate the measures taken by Albania towards protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, increased resource allocation to strengthen national human rights institutions and the efforts made to combat corruption. The increased participation of women in governing and decision-making bodies is also noteworthy.

3. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we recommend the following to Albania:

* One, Continue efforts to combat gender based violence and discrimination;
* Two, Continue to implement measures to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities, through the effective implementation of the National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities;

And three, Continue efforts to promote good governance through effective implementation of cross-sectoral strategies.

4. We wish Albania a successful UPR review.

Thank you.