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 **Statement**

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**Thank you Mr. President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its deep concerns over various human rights warning issues in Albania, including the following:

- Widespread and systematic corruption within state institutions,

- The presence of and provision of safe harbor to the terrorist group MKO (Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization),

- Increasing trends of racism, hate speech, and discrimination against minorities,

- Torture and inhumane or degrading treatment of children by public officials,

- Restrictions on freedom of expression,

- Violence and abuse against children, and discrimination against people with disabilities.

**Iran offers the following recommendations to Albania;**

- To end the activities of Mojahedin Khalgh terrorist organization currently sheltered in Albania;

- To take further measures to prevent abuse and violence against children;

- To implement effective measures to combat widespread corruption;

- To strengthen human rights commitments and align domestic laws and procedures with international law;

- To develop the necessary administrative and legislative measures to end discrimination against minorities;

- To strengthen enforcement mechanisms for the prevention of hate speech;

- To create a safe and supportive environment for the activities of independent media and civil society;

- To take concrete and effective measures to safeguard the rights of migrants;

- To review legislation to incorporate a clear prohibition against disability-based discrimination.

Iran wishes **Albania** a successful review.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**