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**Statement**

**of**

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**Review of Albania**

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Mister President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Albania headed by Deputy Minister for European and Foreign Affairs, Ms. Megi FINO and thank them for their National Report and presentation.

North Macedonia commends the commitments of Albania to the UPR process and continued determination of the Government towards the promotion and protection of human rights domestically.

Furthermore, we applaud Albania for the creation of the new position of Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption in 2024, as well as for the establishment of the Special Parliamentary Committee for the deepening of reforms for good governance, the rule of law and anti-corruption.

North Macedonia offers the following recommendations:

1. Enhance the public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about existing anti-discrimination laws and mechanisms, including the role of the Commissioner for Protection against discrimination;
2. Take legislative and Institutional measures to comprehensively address all forms of violence against women, including the femicide;
3. Address corruption through a multi-faced and inclusive approach, including further legal reforms and by increasing the budgets for responsible institutions and actors.

We wish the delegation of Albania a successful review.

I thank You.