**UPR 47 – Albania**

Statement by Portugal

*1’35” speaking time*

Chair,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Albania and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

Portugal commends Albania for its efforts to combat discrimination and gender-based violence through the adoption of the National Gender Equality Strategy 2021-2030.

Portugal **recommends** that Albania:

1. Ratifies the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Adopts comprehensive measures to respect, protect and fulfil the right to education for all, including by ensuring that Roma and Egyptian children have access to equal and inclusive quality education.
3. Takes concrete steps to ensure that all public buildings are accessible to persons with disabilities, allowing for independent and equal access to essential services, in line with the promotion of accessibility enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and furthermore ratifies its Optional Protocol.

Portugal wishes Albania a successful review.

Thank you.

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