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**Examination of Albania**

*Recommendations by Romania*

Thank you, Mr. President.

Romania welcomes the progress Albania has made since the last review, particularly the good governance and anti-corruption reforms, gender equality, social inclusion and combating discrimination.

We encourage Albania to continue these positive trends towards strengthening the human rights framework in the country. In this regard, Romania recommends that Albania:

1. continue to fully implement national anti-discrimination and anti-hate speech legislation and ensure that all incidents are investigated and prosecuted.
2. continue to address gender inequality and violence against women, particularly by enhancing the application of the National Strategy for Gender Equality 2021–2030 and by allocating the necessary resources for its implementation.
3. expedite the adoption of the three remaining by-laws that ensure the full and effective implementation of the Framework Law on the Protection of National Minorities (No. 96/2017). We wish Albania success in this UPR cycle.