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**Statement by Slovakia**

4 November 2024

Mme Vice-President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Albania and thanks for presenting its national report.

We appreciate adoption of the National Agenda on the Rights of the Child for the years 2021-2026 and the endeavour made so far in the field of child protection by Albania.

Empowerment of children, particularly girls, by providing access to quality education, prevention and creating new opportunities for youth engagement are key.

Slovakia is ready to support efforts of Albania in this area and to share experience and expertise also within the framework of Albania's European Union accession process.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Slovakia **recommends** to Albania to step up the efforts to full implementation of the legal and policy framework regarding child protection, namely child marriages, child abuse and child trafficking.

We wish Albania a successful review.

Thank you.