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**Intervention by Ukraine**

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**Madame Vice-President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Albania and thanks for the presentation of its national report. We highly value Albania’s strong commitment to human rights protection well illustrated, inter alia, by its active role as a member of the UN Human Rights Council in addressing human rights violations stemming from Russia’s ongoing aggression*.*

We commend Albania's efforts to protect children’s rights and combat human trafficking, reflected in legislative reforms and strategic frameworks. The adoption of the 2024–2025 National Action Plan on Human Trafficking and increased support for child protection programs undescore Albania’s dedication to these vital areas.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Ukraine would like to offer the following **recommendations:**

1. Ensure the full implementation of the National Action Plan to combat trafficking, with a focus on protecting children.
2. Strengthen the enforcement of child protection laws and anti-violence measures to safeguard vulnerable children.
3. Expand support and protection programs for the victims of trafficking and domestic violence.

Ukraine is confident that Albania’s commitment to these areas will further strengthen its robust human rights framework and wish the distinguished delegation a successful review.

**I thank you.**