Albania warmly welcomes the delegation of Estonia to the UPR Working Group. We thank Estonia for its National Report and commend the government for the significant progress since the 2nd cycle.

We note with appreciation Estonia’s contribution to the work of the Human Rights Council and the UPR Working Group, the appointment of the first Ambassador-at-Large for human rights and migration, the prominent place that human rights education occupies in Estonia’s General Education Program, and the important steps taken to ensure the recognition of the Chancellor of Justice as a NHRI in compliance with the Paris Principles.

We congratulate Estonia for its ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). Noting the positive trend, we encourage Estonia to continue improving on the political participation of women. We also commend Estonia for its demonstrated commitment to fight human trafficking.

Albania recommends that Estonia:

1. Step up efforts to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.
2. Consider adopting a dedicated national action plan against human trafficking.

We wish Estonia a successful review.