Albania warmly welcomes the delegation of Greece to the UPR Working Group.

We note with appreciation the measures adopted to implement the recommendations accepted by Greece during the second UPR cycle, particularly those focused on gender equality, fight against trafficking in human beings and domestic violence. We encourage Greece to further efforts in the implementation of human rights, including by improving the national human rights framework, domestic legislation and policy framework in line with international obligations, with a special focus on equality and non-discrimination and social and cultural rights, including the right to education and the rights of migrants and asylum seekers.

While welcoming the efforts made by Greece to reduce prison overcrowding and improve healthcare services in prisons, we note that high occupancy rates and poor living conditions in the prison system remain of concern.

Albania recommends that Greece:

1. Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Take steps to further prevent, combat and punish racist hate speech in the media and hate crimes, provide training on hate crime to law enforcement officials and the judiciary, and improve access to justice and access to services for supporting victims of racist violence.
3. Continue efforts to improve conditions of detention, alleviate the overcrowding of penitentiary institutions, reform the immigration detention system and ensure that migrants deprived of liberty are treated both with dignity and humanity.
4. Guarantee in practice the equal and effective enjoyment of culture and use of language by all persons, including Albanians living in Greece.

We wish Greece a successful review.