Albania welcomes the delegation of Hungary and thanks it for the national report and its presentation.

We note with appreciation Hungary’s standing invitation to the special procedures. We commend the various efforts to promote and protect the rights of women, and encourage the Government to reconsider ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). Albania welcomes the preparation of Hungary’s first National Action Plan on the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. We recommend that Hungary consider measures on increasing the representation of women in the country’s political life.

Albania welcomes the adoption of measures that strengthen the child protection system and improve welfare, especially for children in marginalized and disadvantaged situations. We encourage the Government to consider raising the age of criminal responsibility from 12 to 14 years for all crimes. Albania recommends that Hungary step up efforts to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

We wish Hungary a successful review.