Albania welcomes the delegation of South Sudan and thanks it for the National Report.

We note the Government’s repeated commitment to addressing human rights challenges, and urge it to sign, accede to or ratify the core international and regional human rights instruments to which South Sudan is not yet a party.

Albania remains gravely concerned about the continuing and systemic violations of human rights in South Sudan, including extrajudicial executions, arbitrary detention and torture, pervasive sexual and gender-based violence and restrictions on civil society space. We call on the Government to continue its cooperation with the UN Commission on Human Rights for South Sudan.

Albania recommends that the Government of South Sudan:

1. Implement effectively the 2018 Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan, and accelerate the establishment of all transitional justice mechanisms provided for in the R-ARCSS.
2. Ensure accountability for violations of human rights and international humanitarian law and bring the perpetrators to justice.
3. Take all measures necessary to eliminate sexual and gender-based violence, including measures for the protection and redress of victims.
4. Implement a moratorium on executions, as a first step to formally abolish the death penalty.

We wish the delegation of South Sudan a successful review.