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

We commend Lithuania for its commitment to promote and protect human rights at the national and international level, and its active contribution to the work of the Human Rights Council, the UPR process and various human rights mechanisms.

Albania welcomes the accreditation of the Seimas Ombudsmen’s Office as a National Human Rights Institution under the Paris Principles. We note with appreciation the commitment of the Government of Lithuania to advance gender equality, including through increased representation of women in political life, as well as the efforts and progress since the 2nd UPR cycle with regard to the rights of the child, national minorities and combatting hate speech and hate crimes.

Albania recommends that Lithuania:

1. Step up efforts to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure.
2. Accelerate the drafting and adoption of a comprehensive law on national minorities.

We wish Lithuania a successful review.