*UPR 42: Session of the UPR Working Group*

 *Statement at UPR of Ghana*

Albania welcomes the delegation of Ghana to the UPR Working Group and thanks it for the presentation of the National Report.

We acknowledge Ghana’s stated commitment to the promotion of human rights, including through the set-up of the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow Ups (NMRF).

Albania makes the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
2. Improve considerably the life of women and children by adopting and implementing the necessary legislation, policies and programmes aimed against all forms of violence and exploitation, discrimination, and sexual harassment.
3. Take measures to amend laws that criminalize consensual same-sex relations.