*UPR 42: Session of the UPR Working Group*

 *Statement at UPR of Pakistan*

 **Monday 30 January 2023, 09:00 – 12:30**

Albania welcomes the delegation of Pakistan to the UPR Working Group and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome Pakistan’s commitment and efforts made through policies and legislation to improve the protection of the human rights of its people, as well as for the constructive and close coordination with United Nations human rights mechanisms.

While inviting the Government of Pakistan to further strengthen its national efforts and human rights mechanisms, Albania would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Adopt effective legislation and launch awareness programmes that criminalize all forms of domestic and gender-based violence against women and children and ensure full implementation of this legislation.
2. Continue efforts to strengthen the education system, and to implement laws and policies to ensure universal access to education.