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*Statement at UPR of* the United Arab Emirates

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Albania welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

Albania appreciates the steps taken by the country to comply with most of the recommendations made at the last UPR. We appreciate the steps taken in promoting and protecting human rights and guaranteeing the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, particularly regarding the rights of older persons, public health, and education.

Albania would like to make the following recommendations:

* Take further actions to improve certain provisions on combating discrimination and hatred with the aim of envisaging the introduction of gender as an additional form of discrimination.
* Consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

We wish United Arab Emirates a successful review process.