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Mr. President,

Albania warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Canada, headed by the Minister of Justice Mr. Jody Wilson-Raybould, for the comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

We commend Canada’s endeavours towards enhancement of promotion and protection of human rights at both domestically and internationally.

Albania welcomes Canada’s continuous commitment to gender equality and preventive measures undertaken to address inequalities of women and men with a special focus on women empowerment.

We note the challenges that remain on addressing racism, discrimination and hate motivated actions in Canadian society and would like to recommend the following:

* Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
* Take necessary measures and place more emphasis on the principles of non-discrimination and inclusion in education, mainly for minority groups and persons with disabilities.
* Adopt a national action plan, in consultation with civil society organizations, to combat gender-based violence against women.

In conclusion, Albania would like to wish to the delegation of Canada a very successful review during this cycle.

Thank you, Mr. President.