Madam President,

Albania welcomes the delegation of the United States, and commends the US for its active participation in the Universal Periodic Review process.

We have followed with concern reports of rising racism and xenophobia and welcome initiatives to strengthen public trust in institutions, law enforcement in particular, as critical to ensuring equal protection for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or citizenship status.

While appreciating the details in the national report, we note with regret the resumption of federal executions and encourage the United States to impose moratoria on executions at federal and state levels, with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

In a constructive spirit, Albania makes the following recommendations:

1. Take the necessary steps to ratify the international human rights instruments that the US has already signed.
2. Establish a federal mechanisms to ensure comprehensive and coordinated compliance with international human rights instruments at federal, state and local levels.

We wish the United States a successful review.

Thank you.​​