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Statement

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Before

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Thank you Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its deep concerns over various human rights warning issues in Albania, including the following:

- Widespread and systematic corruption within state institutions,
- The presence of and provision of safe harbor to the terrorist group MKO (Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization),
- Increasing trends of racism, hate speech, and discrimination against minorities,
- Torture and inhumane or degrading treatment of children by public officials,
- Restrictions on freedom of expression,
- Violence and abuse against children, and discrimination against people with disabilities.

Iran offers the following recommendations to Albania;

- To end the activities of Mojahedin-e Khalq terrorist organization currently sheltered in Albania;
- To take further measures to prevent abuse and violence against children;
- To implement effective measures to combat widespread corruption;
- To strengthen human rights commitments and align domestic laws and procedures with international law;
- To develop the necessary administrative and legislative measures to end discrimination against minorities;
- To strengthen enforcement mechanisms for the prevention of hate speech;
- To create a safe and supportive environment for the activities of independent media and civil society;
- To take concrete and effective measures to safeguard the rights of migrants;
- To review legislation to incorporate a clear prohibition against disability-based discrimination.

Iran wishes **Albania** a successful review.

I Thank you.