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for Development and Integration. To name but a few: National Youth Strategy, National Strategies for Health, Agenda for Children, National Youth Strategy, Strategy for Social Care, Social Inclusion, Education, Gender Equality, National Action Plans for Sexual and Reproductive Health, Older Persons and many more. These documents present policy objectives and actions to make significant progress by 2030 towards Young and Old, People with Disabilities, Key Population in all the spheres of public, social and economic life. Albania has made significant amendments to its Gender-Based Violence (GBV) law, providing greater protection for women, girls, and other vulnerable groups within its territory and the National Sex Offender Registry Act was passed on July 2022 after a unanimous vote.

Throughout these years, our comprehensive education curriculum has been successfully integrated into the education system, addressing sexual health, reproduction, substance abuse, and fosters holistic well-being.

While the median age in Albania has increased from 33 in 2011 to 38, and from high fertility rates to lower ones like the rest of Western Balkans, Europe and the world, we are committed to make and build a better life for our people where their universal human rights are ensured and no one is left behind. In response to anxieties about demographic changes, we are looking into solutions that are long-term, sustainable and support acceleration of rights to reproductive decision-making and bodily autonomy. This in the case of Albania has meant investment to provide universal access to quality reproductive health services, including contraception and infertility services, and actions to address the many other issues that determine choices about child bearing. Examples include paid leave, providing child benefit as a universal policy, flexible working hours. Additionally, we must redouble our efforts to promote universal access to quality healthcare, including sexual and reproductive health services, as a fundamental human right. By investing in



Thank you.