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UPR Sri Lanka

Contribution of the Republic of Serbia to the interactive dialogue
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Madam President,

Serbia welcomes and greets the delegation of Sri Lanka whose participation contributes greatly to the interactive dialogue;

- We are cognizant of the challenges and problems facing Sri Lanka which, to a certain extent, inhibit the government's efforts to adequately and effectively implement many necessary measures for the promotion and protection of human rights, including a number of recommendations by the UPR;
- Serbia salutes certain indicative achievements such as those related to the adoption and implementation of the National Plan of Action; the rehabilitation of former child soldiers and ending of the further recruitment of child soldiers; ensuring protection, security and interim housing solutions to the IDPs; etc.
- The government of Sri Lanka is encouraged to pursue confidence building and development programmes in the former conflict zones as well as to implement the adopted legislation and to adopt the new laws as per the UPR recommendations.

Serbia strongly believes that the universal promotion and protection of human rights must rest on multilateral respect, confidence and inclusive cooperation.

Thank you.