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Statement by Armenia

Thank you Mr President,

Armenia warmly welcomes the delegation of Serbia and congratulates them for their comprehensive report presented by H. E. ...

We commend the cooperation of Serbian government and human rights mechanisms. The recent normative changes and the implementation of recommendations accepted during the first cycle of UPR are an evidence of the strong commitment of Serbia to the full realization of human rights.

We appreciate the progress made by the Serbian government in the field of education on human rights, particularly the organization and conduct of human rights trainings.

Armenia notes with appreciation the adoption of the Law on prohibition of discrimination and also the establishment of the position of the Commissioner for the Protection of Equality, which will deal with and act on complaints of discrimination.

Serbia has also achieved significant results in the better protection of minority rights, particularly by adopting the new Law on the National Council of National minorities. We further encourage Serbia to establish cultural institutions for the advancement and preservation of the identity of minorities.

Armenia recommends to Serbia to continue further realization of the Action Plan for implementation of the National Strategy for Improving the Position of Women and Promoting Gender Equality.

Thank you.