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Consideration of the UPR Working Group on Serbia

**Statement by H.E. Miloš Prica, Permanent Representative of
Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations Office at Geneva**

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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of the Republic of Serbia, headed by Ms. Gordana Stamenić, State Secretary in the Ministry of Justice, and to thank her for presenting the comprehensive National Report. We note with appreciation that the Report was prepared in cooperation with a broad number of participants from governmental and non – governmental sector and that the Government of Serbia paid a detailed attention to all recommendations from the First cycle of the UPR.

Bosnia and Herzegovina notes the great efforts of the Government of the Republic of Serbia taken in order to promote and protect human rights and the achieved notable progress.

My delegation commends the ratification of a number of multilateral treaties related to human rights, as well as adoption of numerous laws and strategies. We also commend electing the Commissioner for the Protection of Equality by the National Assembly, appointment of more than 100 local self government authorities for gender equality, and appointment of the Ombudsman for the activities related to the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture.

I have two questions for the delegation of Serbia:

- Could you please elaborate the measures taken to strengthen the role of women in high level decision making process,
- We welcome the efforts of the Republic of Serbia to fight human trafficking. Could you please inform us on the steps that have been taken on this issue including the regional cooperation.

Thank You Mr. President.