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Mr President,
Distinguished members of the Council,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Human Rights Council at the end of the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review. I would like to thank you for the great interest you have shown regarding the human rights situation in the Republic of Serbia.

You have introduced numerous issues and our delegation has tried to respond to your queries and expressed concerns. I hope that we managed to provide you with enough information which will give you a better insight into the measures undertaken by the Republic of Serbia in order to implement the recommendations of the first cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

In brief, we tried to demonstrate that we are in the process of building practically new political, economic and social structures in the Republic of Serbia. Unfortunately, funds are limited but we are firmly determined to finally create a system that will be able to ensure a high level of enjoyment of human rights.

Presently, as you have probably learned during our discussion, we are very focused on the implementation of adopted strategies and action plans and legislative reforms. In that process we are aligning our legal system with EU standards. At the same time, we are trying to seriously commit ourselves to urgent issues. While doing this, we are genuinely trying to pay special attention

to the most vulnerable groups including children, persons with disabilities, Roma people, refugees and internally displaced persons.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I wish to stress that the dialogue within the Universal Period Review has been extremely useful for our delegation. We shall certainly continue with our endeavors to fulfill the recommendations we received and tasks to which we committed ourselves.

Thank you.