



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA TO THE UN OFFICE AND  
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**Review of Serbia under the UPR**

**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

**Mr. Burim Bilali**

**Chargé d'Affaires**

*GENEVA, February 2013*

Mr. President,

Allow me to welcome the Delegation of the Serbia headed by \_\_\_\_\_ and thank them for the comprehensive presentation of the situation of human rights in their country. The delegation of the Republic of Macedonia has noted the progress achieved since the first UPR cycle and would like to commend the commitment of Serbia to the UPR process.

Serbia has certainly strengthened its legal framework on human rights, both through numerous international conventions entered into since the first cycle of review and through adoption and implementation of domestic laws, in particular in the area of judicial reform.

It is also very encouraging to see the progress achieved in a number of areas, including anti-discrimination, children's rights and fight against domestic violence.

Mr. President, my delegation wishes to take this opportunity to find out more about the efforts of Serbia to solve the problems of legally invisible persons, in terms of the right of every person to be enrolled in the registry of births, including if not especially, the Roma . If the time permits so, we would also appreciate information on what Serbia has done in the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

I thank you Mr. President.