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Consideration of the UPR Working Group on United Arab Emirates

Statement by H.E. Dr Ugljesa Ugi Zvekic, Permanent Representative of the  
Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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Mr. President/Vice president,

Serbia welcomes the delegation of United Arab Emirates and its participation in the second UPR and we thank the government for elaborating national report.

We commend the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in the field of protection of children's rights in particular through the Children's Rights Bill. Serbia recommends the adoption of this bill and further efforts towards the accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

We note with appreciation the activities of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking and the adoption of the Strategic plan. Furthermore, Serbia welcomes the National Programme of Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking, in particular the opening of residential and psycho-support centers for victims of human trafficking.

We also commend the continuing respect of international refugee protection standards, including the essential principle of non-refoulement.

Finally, Serbia acknowledges the commitment of the United Arab Emirates to further advance the human rights situation in the country and we wish the government every success in this endeavor.

Thank you Mr. President/Vice president.