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Thank You Mr. President,

Bosnia and Herzegovina welcomes \_\_\_\_\_ and the delegation of the Russian Federation and wishes to thank for informative and detailed national report they have presented today.

We applaud the commitment and measures taken by the Russian Federation since the last UPR in implementing the recommendations put forward by the Working Group.

We commend the national strategy for social security and improving the welfare of the population, the national strategy for action in children's interests, and the plan of action for implementing the recommendations made by the CEDAW.

We welcome ratification of the European Social Charter, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. We recognize the measures taken in the reform of the internal affairs authorities and the judicial system.

We welcome setting up of the commissioners for children's rights and commissioners for the rights of entrepreneurs within the Office of the President of the Federation, as well as establishment of the Regional commissioners for human rights.

Bosnia and Herzegovina recognizes the progress that Russian Federation has made in improving and strengthening human rights system. We encourage the Russian authorities to further enhance its engagement and commitment to promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

I thank you.