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Mexico

Madame Vice President,

We thank the Delegation of Mexico, headed by Dr. Jose Antonio Meade Kuribrena, Minister of Foreign Affairs, for its comprehensive UPR Report and presentation.

Serbia appreciates the achievements made by the Government of Mexico in upgrading human rights standards. We commend the 2011 reform that gave constitutional rank to international human rights treaties as well as Mexico's effort to harmonize its criminal justice system and legislation with the constitutional reform.

We encourage Mexico to continue to combat enforced disappearances, including aligning relevant legislation with international human rights instruments.

Fight against organized crime is a huge challenge and we commend the determination of the Mexican Government to pursue along this path. We believe that the right to justice and the fight against impunity should be supported through judicial training, enforcement of law, the adoption and standardization of protocols for investigation and the protection of witnesses.

Serbia especially welcomes the institutional and legal framework adopted by Mexico aimed at the protection of journalists and human rights defenders.

We recommend Mexico to continue its efforts for ensuring the autonomy of national institutions responsible for the protection of human rights.

Thank you Madam Vice President