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Mr. President,

Republic of Serbia would like to thank to Mr. Sambath for his presentation of the national report in respect to the human rights situation in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

We welcome the positive developments in upgrading the human rights standards by the Royal Government of Cambodia since the first UPR report in 2009, notably ratifications of the Convention of Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Optional Protocols of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, and International Convention for the Protection of Persons from Enforced Disappearances.

We take note of the readiness of the Government of Kingdom of Cambodia to resume with the establishment of an independent national human rights institution, which would further enhance institutional capacity in fulfilling its obligations under international human rights instruments.

The functionality of the judiciary is a key element for effective implementation of the human rights standards. It is in this context that we support the efforts of Cambodia for strengthening of the independence of judges and prosecutors and reforming the prison system. The ongoing cooperation activities of Cambodian Government with the OHCHR in this domain are an important for attaining the desired standards in the administration of justice and the rule of law.

Republic of Serbia welcomes establishment of the national mechanism for ensuring the respect of basic rights for people deprived of liberty and recommends that Government of Cambodia build upon the existing structures and to set up a National Preventive Mechanism in accordance with OP-CAT standards.

We would also recommend to Cambodia to support the family oriented approaches for the protection of rights of child and to implement already existing national policy in this regard.

Thank you, Mr. President

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