



UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
THE 18TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

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Thank you Mr. President,

Bosnia and Herzegovina wishes to express appreciation and congratulate Mr. _____ for the comprehensive, interesting and informative presentation of the National Report.

We recognize the methodology followed in preparation of the National Report especially for including the widest possible range of stakeholders in drafting of the Report. We praise the Government for accepting all recommendations from the first cycle and in particular for preparing and submitting the Mid – Term UPR Report to the OHCHR.

We commend the Government for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, signing the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights and continuing close cooperation with various UN treaty bodies.

While reading the National Report, we recognized the significant progress in number of national strategies and action plans for addressing human rights issues, especially in the areas of judiciary, Roma rights, children's rights and gender equality.

We would appreciate if the distinguished government could provide us more information on functioning and mandate of the Inter – Ministerial Human Rights Body and perhaps share with us possible challenges this body is faced with.

Thank you Mr. President.