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Mr. President,

It is my pleasure to welcome the distinguished delegation of Slovakia headed by..... and to thank him for his detailed presentation on the developments in the field of human rights in Slovakia and on the implementation of the recommendations from the first UPR cycle.

We commend Slovakia for becoming a party to Convention of Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol and to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Republic of Serbia supports the institutional reforms in the field of institutional and human rights infrastructure, whose aim is to comply with the prescribed principles relating to the status of national institutions for promotion and protection of human rights.

Republic of Serbia takes due note on the activities of Slovakia for improving the situation of Roma. We commend their policies for social inclusion of Roma which focuses on education, employment, health and housing.

We welcome the considerable efforts that the Government of Slovakia is investing to improve existing standard setting and the implementation of anti-discrimination related laws. In this regard, we would be interested to hear from the representatives of Slovakia on overcoming the challenges for more efficient implementation of anti-discrimination laws.

Thank you Mr. President