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Mr. President,

Republic of Serbia would like to thank to (name) for his presentation of the national report in respect to the human rights situation in Buthan.

We welcome the commitments of the authorities and their readiness to put in place relevant institutions and further develop necessary resources for improving the human rights situation, in cooperation with civil society and through technical assistance.

We welcome the positive developments in Bhutan since the first UPR report in 2009, particularly the enactment of laws regarding the protection of the rights of child and on prevention of domestic violence. We encourage the realization of their provisions, including the establishment of the child welfare committee. It is important to create conditions that would enable the National Commission for Women and Children to focus on its mandate of developing policies, regulating and monitoring rights issues and reporting to international bodies.

We support readiness of Bhutan for constructive engagement with UN human rights mechanisms and recommend its authorities to step up cooperation with human rights bodies and to consider extending standing invitation to special procedure mandate holders, so as to enhance technical assistance and contribute to the overall improvements of standard setting in the country.

We wish Bhutan every success in the review process.

Thank you Mr. President.

(Aleksandar Tomic)