



19th Session of the Working group on the UPR
Review of Costa Rica

Mr. President,

The Republic of Serbia welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica, headed by H.E. Mrs. Gioconda Ubeda Riveira, and wishes to thank them for the comprehensive presentation of their National Report.

Our delegation commends the work carried out by Costa Rica with regard to the implementation of the recommendations from the last review cycle, in particular in areas of combating violence, trafficking in persons and protection of minors. We welcome the improvements of the normative and institutional framework and good cooperation with NGOs within the bodies responsible for the compliance with accepted international human rights obligations.

We take note of the affirmative actions of Costa Rica with regard to the promotion of equality and non-discrimination and we especially welcome its initiatives to mainstream the gender perspective in the society and to ensure and promote rights of children.

Mr. President,

Regarding the administration of justice, one of the important issues to be solved is the reduction of prison overpopulation. We suggest that authorities deal with it in a comprehensive manner, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee Against Torture.

We recommend to Costa Rica to consider and address the issues of reportedly high number of children and adolescents in juvenile detention centers by applying the child-friendly justice standards and encouraging the use of alternative sanctions and re-integration programmes.

Thank you Mr. President

(Aleksandar Tomić)