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Statement of Ambassador Vladislav Mladenović Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations at Geneva



- We welcome the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and we thank them for the presentation of their National Report.
- The Republic of Serbia would like to commend Bosnia and Herzegovina on the activities and projects that they have undertaken in the field of safeguarding equality and combating discrimination, poverty reduction and upholding minority rights. We also commend the support that Bosnia and Herzegovina is providing in respect to the sustainable return of refugees and displaced persons and we encourage them to continue in this direction.
- Regarding the implementation of the decision the European Court of Human Rights in the case of Sejdić and Finci v Bosnia and Herzegovina, we encourage the authorities to continue to work towards finding a solution that would be acceptable to all relevant decision makers in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- We appreciate the valuable contributions of NGOs, notably their role in the fight against impunity and in respect to transitional justice, and encourage all levels of authority in Bosnia and Herzegovina to closely cooperate with NGOs on pertaining human rights issues.
- We would be interested to hear from the esteemed delegation on the activities of the Government in promoting religious tolerance and their cooperation with the Inter-religious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Taking into account its efforts to step up the fight against discrimination, we recommend Bosnia and Herzegovina to implement the Anti-discrimination Law by adopting an anti discrimination strategy and action plan.