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Permanent Mission of Serbia to the UN

UPR of Italy

- We welcome the delegation of Italy and thank them for presentation of their national report.
- Serbia welcomes the developments with reference to the legislative and institutional framework for the protection of human rights in Italy since the First cycle of the UPR. We commend the fact that the majority of received recommendations have been implemented;
- Serbia welcomes the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and setting up the National authority for the rights of detainees. We recognize that the human rights situation of detainees and reducing the prison overcrowding remains one of the priorities for Italy. In this regard, we take note of the adoption of relevant legislative measures, particularly those that should step up the implementation of alternative sanctions to detention;
- We welcome the activities undertaken in the course of the integration of the Roma, Sinti and Travelers. Against this background, we commend the adoption of the first National Strategy for the Inclusion of Roma, Sinti and Travellers, as well as strengthening of the National Office against Discrimination and setting up a special service that provides assistance in all cases of discrimination of these vulnerable groups;
- We recommend Italy to continue efforts for implementation of the National Strategy for the Inclusion of Roma, Sinti and Travellers and to further promote Roma inclusion in local communities, with specific regard to providing necessary assistance and support to children and adolescents in education;