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Mr. President,

Serbia welcomes Armenia's developments in the protection of human rights since its last UPR cycle. We applaud Armenia on the adoption of the National Strategy for the Protection of Human Rights and its Action Plan. We especially take note of the positive steps in gender policies that are aimed at ensuring gender equality.

We consider that Armenia has taken many decisive steps in combating domestic violence. In this regard, we would recommend the development of a standalone law on domestic violence, where gender-based violence will be qualified as a criminal offense subject to prosecution.

Furthermore, with respect to the ongoing efforts in the prevention of torture, we would recommend that the Armenian government continues with the improvement of its comprehensive framework by introducing the definition of "torture" in compliance with Article 1 of the Convention Against Torture.

We wish Armenia success in fulfilling its recommendations.