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Serbia would like to welcome the members of the delegation of Spain and congratulate them on a successful implementation of the recommendations from the 2nd UPR cycle, which has demonstrated Spain's dedication to advancement of the protection of human rights. We note with satisfaction Spain's comprehensive national report and their cooperation with the Ombudsman and other representatives of civil society.

We encourage Spain to continue their efforts in the promotion of human rights, and we make the following recommendations:

- (1) to strengthen the government's commitment to ensuring fundamental rights of freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association and continue its cooperation with civil society, particularly with human rights defenders, by investing further efforts in creation of the favorable environment for the members of the CSO;
  - (2) to continue with efforts for mainstreaming of gender equality into laws and national policies and to assign sufficient resources for the implementation of the Law on comprehensive protection measures against gender based violence.