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Bosnia and Herzegovina warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Kingdom of Sweden and expresses its appreciation for the informative presentation of the National Report. We welcome the thorough methodology and transparency used in preparation of the National Report, especially for conducting a very wide spectrum of open consultations with governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders. We wish to commend Sweden as the exemplary democratic country with well developed and functional legal and institutional systems with highest standards of human rights.

After carefully reading the Swedish National Report, we wish to add comments and raise questions of the following issues:

- Sweden has ratified seven of the UN's nine core conventions on human rights. However, Sweden is not a party to the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families, International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. We would appreciate if the delegation shares with us information on the obstacles for ratification of these instruments.
- We share the concerns expressed by CEDAW that immigrant, refugee and minority women continued to suffer from multiple forms of discrimination. We recommend that Sweden be proactive in its measures to prevent discrimination against those women and to combat violence against them.
- Human Rights Committee, CERD and UNHCR encouraged Sweden to strengthen its efforts and take additional steps to prevent discrimination on the basis of ethnicity in all aspects of daily life. We recommend that Sweden takes further measure to prevent discrimination on the basis of ethnicity.

Thank you Mr. President.