



UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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Consideration of the UPR Working Group on Belarus

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Allow me to thank H.E. Valentin Rybakov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, for the detailed and comprehensive presentation of the National Report for the second cycle of the UPR, with a particular emphasis on the follow up of accepted recommendations from the first review in May 2010.

In this regard, my delegation commends the large and inclusive consultative process led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the preparation of this report.

Bosnia and Herzegovina makes the following observations:

- We commend Belarus for ratifying Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.
- We also praise the efforts made on establishing the national human rights institution in Belarus, as well as many positive steps taken to improve the national legislation in numerous areas.
- We were very pleased to read that Belarus ranks fifty-third out of 187 countries in the human development index and is placed in the group of countries with high human development, and the fact that Belarus ranks first in the world in access to medical services.

We recommend that Belarus takes necessary steps for prevention of violence against children, and promotion and protection of women's rights especially combating trafficking in women.

I thank you Mr. President.