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Mr. President,

Serbia welcomes the esteemed delegation of Libya and we thank them for the presentation of their national report. We acknowledge Libya's efforts and pledges in protecting human rights, especially in light of its current challenges in combating terrorism.

The situation of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons, women and children in particular, requires urgent attention. As a part of dealing with this complex situation, it is necessary to develop a comprehensive strategy to address the issue of displaced persons. All persons in displacement must be allowed to return to their homes in safety and dignity. In the interim, they must be given protection and humanitarian assistance, in accordance with the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

We encourage the government of Libya to constructively engage in protection of women's rights and women's share of decision-making in political processes. In this respect, we recommend the Libyan government to adopt appropriate administrative policies to promote gender equality in public affairs, particularly in the labour market, and enforce strict sanctions against all kinds of discrimination and abuse of women's rights by ensuring that the rights of women are genuinely recognized in national legislation.

Serbia recognizes the efforts of the Libyan Government in terms of advancing the protection of children's rights. In this regard, we would recommend Libya to continue strengthening legal and policy protections which guarantee the rights of the child.

We wish Libya success in fulfilling its recommendations and in its efforts for restoring stability and respect for human rights in the country.