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Mr. President,

The Republic of Serbia welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United States of America and thanks them for their cooperation with the Universal Periodic Review.

Serbia welcomes the initiatives taken by the US government to expand access to healthcare as envisaged in the Affordable Care Act. We recommend further efforts in this positive direction with a view to strengthen national healthcare programs so that healthcare is readily accessible, available and affordable for all members of society.

Recent racial incidents deserve special attention. We recommend the US government to invest further efforts in addressing the root causes of these incidents and expand its capacity in reducing poverty in neighborhoods experiencing sub/par public services, including access to adequate housing and public safety.

Serbia commends the United States on their commitment to gender equality and actions taken to empower women in society. We welcome efforts taken to minimize the gender gap in terms of political and economic participation of women. However, recognizing that challenges continue to exist in discriminatory practices towards women in the labor market, Serbia recommends the United States to ensure that women receive equal pay for equal work so as to close the gender pay gap.

We wish the United States success in effectively fulfilling its recommendations.

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