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Mr. President,

The Republic of Serbia would like to welcome the delegation of Myanmar and to thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We acknowledge the efforts in the field of promotion and protection of human rights in Myanmar since the first UPR cycle. The establishment of the National Human Commission is an important achievement and we encourage Myanmar to continue with bringing of their NHRI in compliance with the Paris Principles.

Cooperation with the UN mechanisms is an important component for improving of the standard settings in the field of human rights. In this vein we encourage Myanmar to continue and further step up its cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms, with a view to preparing the ground for its accession to all core international human rights instruments.

With respect to gender equality, we encourage Myanmar to take all necessary actions at the legislative level so as to guarantee equal protection of women before the law. Alongside the proclaimed "Zero Tolerance Policy" on violence against women, we recommend Myanmar to develop a legal framework to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence.

Additionally, we would recommend Myanmar to continue investing efforts in the prevention of human trafficking, with special attention to investigation and prosecution of all cases of sale and trafficking of children.

We wish Myanmar success in implementing the recommendations of its second cycle.