



24th Session of the Working Group for UPR
Interactive Dialogue on Report of **Estonia**

Mr. President,

The Republic of Serbia welcomes the delegation of Estonia and thanks them for presentation of their report.

We commend the efforts taken in normative framework to follow up the recommendations from the first UPR cycle, particularly adherence to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, steps taken for the establishment of the NHRI and instituting the Gender Equality Council. We encourage Estonia to continue with strengthening of the independent institutions for protection of human rights.

Estonia invested a lot of efforts in the fight against discrimination, racism and xenophobia. We welcome the information provided in the national report on the ongoing process of improvement of the Equal Treatment Act. We encourage its authorities to continue wide consultations with civil society in the context of improvement of the Equal Treatment Act. In order to more effectively contribute to the elimination of all forms of discrimination, in particular against members of minority communities, we recommend Estonia to consider additional safeguards for minorities in the criminal justice system, namely to introduce guarantees with respect to the right to use a minority language in all stages of the criminal proceedings.

Serbia commends of Estonia on combating domestic violence and trafficking in persons. In this respect we recommend to take further measures to prevent human trafficking, strengthen the protection of victims and provide them with redress.

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