

**The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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Review of Bangladesh

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The Republic of Serbia welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh at the UPR’s Session and thanks it for presenting its National Report.

Serbia commends Bangladesh’s commitment to the UPR process and its efforts invested in implementing the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle, with the widest participation of Government institutions and civil society organizations. We commend Bangladesh’s active engagement with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, Special procedures and the UN treaty bodies. We welcome administrative, legislative and policy measures that Bangladesh has taken to uphold and promote the rule of law, access to justice and human rights. We particularly commend Bangladesh’s commitment to ensure the advancement of women in all sectors at all levels. We also commend the remarkable progress Bangladesh has made in the elimination of extreme poverty.

We recommend that Bangladesh continues adopting and implementing measures for the prevention of violence against women and children. We also recommend that Bangladesh continues with the legislative process of adopting the draft anti-discrimination law in line with recommendations by the relevant UN bodies. We encourage Bangladesh to continue implementing SDGs with the Whole-of-the-Society approach. We encourage Bangladesh to ensure that poverty reduction programmes continue being implemented.

Serbia wishes Bangladesh a successful and fruitful review process.