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Review of Colombia

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

Serbia commends Colombia’s efforts invested in responding to the recommendations from the last UPR cycle, as well as its cooperation with international and regional mechanisms of human rights protection. We welcome the initiation of the ratification process for the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. We also welcome Colombia’s efforts to harmonize the national legal framework with the international obligations established in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. We commend the progress Colombia has made in the peacebuilding process it faces, including the introduction of 16 transitional seats for peace in the House of Representatives, as well as providing necessary funds for the effective operation of the Comprehensive System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-Repetition.

We recommend Colombia to continue its efforts to ratify international human rights treaties. We also recommend Colombia to strengthen its judicial system through financial, technical and specialized human resources, ensuring access to justice to all.

Serbia wishes Colombia a successful and fruitful review process.