**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 43rd Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Serbia**

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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President]

Australia commends Serbia for passing constitutional changes to its judicial system and amendments to anti-discrimination legislation since its last UPR appearance. We encourage Serbia to implement these changes and strengthen political and civil liberties.

Australia recommends **Serbia**:

1. **Amend laws and policies to guarantee media freedom, including protecting journalists against threats and political interests, and ensure that independent media can function free of intimidation.**
2. **Implement measures to improve the independence, accountability and effectiveness of the justice system.**
3. **Fully implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in domestic legislation, continue to reduce the number of children in institutional care and ensure children with disabilities have sufficient support to live in their communities.**

**[120 words]**