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Review of Serbia

Recommendations by Sweden

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President,

Sweden welcomes the constitutional reforms in Serbia and the recent adoption of five laws in the rule of law area by Parliament, but notes that challenges regarding human rights remain. This concerns in particular freedom of the media, notwithstanding the adoption of a media strategy in 2020, as well as the situation for LGBTIQ-persons, as demonstrated by the handling of Europride 2022.

**Sweden would like to make the following recommendations:**

1. Implement the media strategy adopted in 2020, in full partnership with civil society.
2. Swiftly conclude the adoption of a same sex partnership law, where a draft version has been processed but needs to be adopted in Parliament.

Thank you.