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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President

Denmark thanks the Serbian delegation for its presentation.

Denmark notes that while the Serbian constitution guarantees freedom of expression, including of speech and press, there continues to be reports on media and journalists operating under restrictive conditions.

*Denmark recommends that Serbia takes measures to protect media freedom by ensuring full respect for and implementation of legislation on freedom of speech and press, including implementation of the Strategy for the Development of the Public Information System for the period 2020-2025 adopted in January 2020.*

Denmark further notes the recent decision to reassign two prosecutors investigating an embezzlement case.

*Denmark recommends Serbia to take all necessary steps to mitigate the risk of political influence over prosecutors.*

Denmark wishes Serbia a successful review.

Thank you.