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Review of Barbados

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

Serbia commends the country’s dedication to the UPR process and the developments made on many fronts since the last review through the implementation of supported recommendations. We welcome, in particular, its whole-of-society approach to governance, including through the work of the Social Justice Committee, contributing to efforts to create a society where no one is left behind. We also welcome the continued implementation of policies and programmes geared towards ensuring that all citizens of Barbados, without discrimination, are afforded an adequate standard of living, significant progress made in inclusion of women in decision-making positions in government administration and the increase in the Child Care Board’s budget to combat violence against children.

We recommend that Barbados: continue investing efforts to advance inclusive education, with particular emphasis on the special education policy for persons with disabilities; consider adopting laws that clearly define and prohibit child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as developing programmes for the prevention, recovery and social reintegration of child victims; continue strengthening regional and international cooperation to combat trafficking of children.

Serbia wishes Barbados a very successful review.