**Universal Periodic Review – 43rd session**

**Serbia**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 10 May 2023*

*Mr President,*

Poland would like to thank Serbia for its participation in the UPR process and the presentation of the national report.

Poland welcomes Serbia’s commitment to human rights and efforts to promote human rights standards internationally. In particular Poland commends Serbia for the significant steps taken to reduce overcrowding in detention facilities.

We recommend Serbia to:

1. **increase efforts to identify, prevent and combat trafficking in persons among migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers, in particular among groups at heightened risk, such as unaccompanied and separated children;**
2. **strengthen the implementation and monitoring of the protocol on violence against children and prohibit corporal punishment of children at home;**
3. **revise and endorse the revisions to the Family Law, the Criminal Code and the Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence to secure a full ban on child marriage;**
4. **strengthen the independence of the Ombudsman, including the independence of its staff responsible for facilitating the work of the national preventive mechanism and its operational autonomy.**

*I thank you.*