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**Review of Serbia**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

 Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Serbia and thanks for the presentation of National report.

We recognize Serbia’s commitments to human rights protection and promotion and note the efforts taken by the authorities to improve the institutional and legislative framework for human rights, in particular, through the ratification of a number of international human rights treaties.

We acknowledge the establishment of the Council for Implementation of the Recommendations of the UN Human Rights Mechanisms aimed at strengthening implementation of the recommendations and at improving reporting to human rights monitoring mechanisms.

Ukraine would like to **recommend** to the Government of Serbia:

in line with the Human Rights Committee’s recommendation, to strengthen measures to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, placing a specific focus on migrants and refugees;

to establish a National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles;

to issue an open standing invitation to the special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

**Thank you.**