Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR34 – Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Thank you, Madam Vice-President,

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and commends the efforts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the progress made in the area of human rights. Positively acknowledging the steps taken, we further recommend the following:

1. To consistently implement the rulings of the Constitutional Court guaranteeing full equality of all constituent peoples at all political and administrative levels, including with regard to elections.
2. To strengthen the independence and expertise of the judiciary system in order to ensure the enforcement of international standards in the prosecution of war crimes.
3. To intensify efforts in protecting the freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, both online and offline, as well as creating safe and enabling environment for civil society, human rights defenders, and journalists by ensuring that any attack against them or members of their families would be properly investigated and the perpetrators brought to justice.

Lithuania wishes Bosnia and Herzegovina every success in the current UPR cycle.

I thank you.