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STATEMENT

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Metohia, as an integral part of the report by Serbia a

membership in international organizations, primarily in the UN and then in the OSCE and the Council of Europe as well as the active co-operation with the mentioned organizations in the field of protection and promotion of human rights. In view of the strategic commitment of the Republic of Serbia to accede the European and the Euro-Atlantic integrations, the domestic legislation reform process is aimed at harmonization with the and the highest international standards in the field of human rights as well.

Since the Initial Report covers the period until 2003, I shall focus in this statement on the period from 2003 up to now and the results achieved within the specified period.

After the withdrawal of the Republic of Montenegro from the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro in June 2006, the Republic of Serbia became the successor of the state union and inherited the international legal personality of the state union in full.

Madam Chairperson,

The new Constitution of the Republic of Serbia was adopted in November 2006. I wish to stress in particular that the new Constitution prohibits all forms of discrimination. Namely it is sta

Employment Council and the National Employment Service prepare special employment projects for women. The Labor Inspection shall introduce gender focal points to protect women from discrimination at work. The Republic Statistical Office plans to introduce obligatory gender disaggregated registers and administrative records. The expected Law on Employment Records shall contribute to it.

the Convention cannot assume responsibility for its implementation there because the administration of the Province is entirely within UNMIK prerogatives. For that reason, the Report which is currentl

-A part of the territory of the Republic of Serbia has been under the United Nations administration for nearly eight years and the future status process of the Province of Kosovo and Metohija is still under way

-The country has been going through the complex process of economic and social transition, the main priority being the acceleration of European integrations with the aim to accede the European Union as soon as possible

-The reforms related to this process concern all fields of social life and are particularly challenging in the area of achievement of high standards in the field of gender equality and advan