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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the latter's Note Verbal dated 1 September 2009, concerning the implementation of the Human Rights Council resolution 10/7 titled "Human rights of persons with disabilities: National Frameworks for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities", has the honour to convey the response of the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights of the Republic of Serbia.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**INFORMATION  
ON  
ACTIVITIES AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS  
ABOUT  
THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA'S NATIONAL MECHANISMS  
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The authority responsible for monitoring the implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by the National Assembly on 29 May 2009, is the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Serbia, i.e., the Persons with Disability Support Department within this Ministry. Namely, until such time as a new competent body specifically focused on monitoring the implementation of the Convention is constituted, the said work will have been performed also by the Council for Persons with Disabilities which operates as a Government occasional working body and is composed of representatives from relevant Ministries and representatives from different organizations of persons with disabilities affiliated with the National Organization of Persons with Disabilities of Serbia.

It should be mentioned that significant contribution, not only in the process of adoption of the text of the Convention but in the process of its ratification as well, was made by the representatives from organizations and associations of persons with disabilities with which the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy has a long-standing partnership. This partnership is reflected both in the performance of consulting work and the provision of financial support at either monthly level (programme funding) or annual level (project funding). During the current year so far, the Persons with Disability Support Department has supported a large number of activities taken to strengthen the capacity of these organizations at local levels, but as well to raise awareness of the very persons with disabilities about their rights that directly ensue from this Convention and about the procedures for realization of such rights.

We emphasize in concluding that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted in its entirety. Namely, it has been established that Serbian legal regulations governing these areas are fully harmonized with the text of the said document; accordingly, the Republic of Serbia saw no need to make any reservations to any of the articles of this Convention. In this respect, the provisions contained in the text of this Convention have already been provided for by the Law on Prevention of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities, as well as by other regulations coming within the competence of other Ministries, and are already being enforced.