

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna

## Statement of the Republic of Serbia - Right of reply

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The delegation of the Republic of Serbia would like to exercise its right of reply to the statement made by the delegate of the United States of America.

The Republic of Serbia is fully committed to the process of European integration and in many occasions the Serbian authorities made it clear that they were fully committed to having a functioning judiciary within a functioning democratic state and were ready to tackle any outstanding issues to achieve this goal.

Concerning the case of brothers Bytyqi, we would like to use this opportunity to reiterate the unequivocal commitment of our authorities to bringing the perpetrators of all war and other crimes to justice, including this one. We can assure you that all relevant state bodies are involved in resolving this case and prosecuting the perpetrators. We believe that such approach should be applied in relation to all crimes that took place in Kosovo and Metohija.

We believe it is important to work on addressing all crimes in order to achieve justice for the victims and their families and move forward with the process of reconciliation in the region of Western Balkans. Serbia has already done a lot in this regard and will continue to do so in the future.