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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 United States of America in regard to freedom of the media in Serbia.

The Republic of Serbia is fully committed to the observance of freedom of expression and freedom of thought, and has continuously undertaken various activities aimed at promoting freedom of the media as a key precondition in the development of a democratic society.

The Serbian government and its officials have strongly condemned every assault on journalists since threats and violence against journalists constitute a serious threat to freedom of expression and to media pluralism.

In 2014 Serbia fully harmonized its media legislation with the EU legal framework and international standards, so that all media, both domestic and foreign, can speak freely and safely.

The Republic of Serbia is currently working on the development of a positive legal environment for media. We are thankful to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media and his Office, as well as to the Media Department of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, for their support and expertise that they provide us in process of preparing a new Strategy for the Development of the Public Information System until 2023 in a transparent and more inclusive way. The future Media Strategy shall reflect European and International standards and legal framework that strengthens media freedom and freedom of expression.