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The Republic of Serbia fulfils its obligations related to clearance of mine contaminated area, too, as well as the obligations related to victim assistance. As we speak, today sees the beginning of the project of creation of database for persons with disabilities, which will serve as a meaningful tool in the work of previously announced Working Group. By this we will be follow the path of ensuring the full and effective completion of our respective time - bound obligations.

As regards mine clearance, at the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the States Parties of the Convention, which was held in December 2013, Geneva, the Republic of Serbia was granted a 5 year extension of the deadline for fulfilment of its obligations under Article 5 of the Convention. Accordingly, Serbia should fulfil its obligations before 1 March 2019. The Republic of Serbia is grateful for expressed understanding of the problems related to humanitarian demining in Serbia.

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I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that despite all the problems and financial restrictions resulting from economic difficulties the Republic of Serbia has been facing, we remain strongly committed to the fulfilment of our Article 5 obligations, namely to the accomplishment of a goal – mine free Serbia by 2019.

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