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Mr. Chair,

I would like to thank the Controller, Assistant Secretary-General Mr. Chandru Ramanathan, for introducing the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and the proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 under agenda item 159. I would also like to thank the Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, Ms. Donna Marie Chiurazzi-Maxfield, for presenting this body's related report.

The Republic of Serbia, within the international community as a matter of

In these circumstances, it is clear that UNMIK must remain engaged in an undiminished scope and with an unchanged mandate, as some of the Mission's key tasks remain unfulfilled, notably in creating the conditions for the sustainable return of IDPs, the protection of non-Albanian populations and of Serbian religious and cultural heritage in Kosovo and Metohija.

It should be taken into account that numerous incidents, provocations, acts of discrimination and intolerance in Kosovo and Metohija take place in the conditions of UNMIK's presence, so the question arises as to what the security situation would be without UNMIK involvement. The international community and the UN should not allow such a hypothesis to even be considered, as it would be inhumane towards people of Serbian nationality in Kosovo and Metohija,

General Assembly should be implemented, which is why we believe the proposal for reassignment and conversion of this post should not be supported.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.