



**Oral statement at the 36<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Human Rights Council**

**Item 3: General debate – promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights**

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Mr. President,

VIVAT International would like to draw the Council's attention to the human rights situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the statements, we delivered in March 2017 and in June 2017, we expressed our deep concern about the human rights situation of the people in Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially in Glamoč, in the municipal Kindergarten, whose economic, social and cultural rights have been continuously disrespected and we urged for a reaction from the Council.

Recent information coming out of Bosnia and Herzegovina brings hope and we appreciate the efforts of the government aimed at an effective observance of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the legal obligation of the State. We welcome the initial steps that the government has taken in the cases of discrimination based on religion and in regards to remuneration of its employees. *(There are still outstanding salaries from 35 to 57 to each of the employees).*

We still encourage the State authorities to continue their efforts to dignify the living condition of the people and to respect their basic human rights.

Therefore, we recommend that the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

1. Continue to comply with the recommendations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in regards to remuneration of its employees.
2. Uphold transparency in the justice system, particularly in regards to cases of alleged discrimination based on religion and the remuneration of the State's employees.

Thank you, Mr. President.