



Serbia

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The Republic of Serbia, as one of UNESCO member countries with long lasting experience in UNESCO actions and its own contributions in all fields where this distinguished organization initiates cooperation and mediates worldwide, considers as its priority realization of Millennium goals on education development.

The Constitution of the Republic of Serbia, as a supreme act of the state, guarantees right on free primary and secondary education to each child disregard to gender, race, ethnicity, confession, family background, property status or some other personal feature. Our state creates systemic conditions for attaining the right of each child on diversity and doing so improves the entire society.

Future of contemporary civilization is based on knowledge and lifelong learning. Responsibility of the state is to provide to its youth: conditions for development of individual capacities, affections and gifts in all fields of everyday life and work. Satisfied and accomplished children and young people, make the pillar of each developed society.

Reform trends of education development in the Republic of Serbia are focused on the goal - *Quality education for all*. Large movement, based on professional basis in contemporary science, has been developed through realisation of educational system's inclusive dimension.

Therefore it is important that strategic goal at global and regional level should be welfare of each child, in accordance to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Today, we are pleased to say that the Republic of Serbia is confident on its way to attaining this goal.

I wish the same to each child in the planet as well as to the children of Serbia – to grow up and learn in peace, tolerance and mutual respect.