

STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Madame Chair,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Argentina, headed by
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We would like to congratulate Argentina for its comprehensive second UPR report which represents the progress achieved throughout the country in the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the recommendations and voluntary commitments assumed in connection with the initial report.

We take positive note of the developments in Argentina and the changes in the normative and institutional framework in the period 2008 – 2012, as well as the National Human Rights Plan and the National Program that were developed in 2010.

Bulgaria further notes the observation by the United Nations Country Team that Argentina had made major efforts to combat discrimination against women at the national, provincial and municipal levels by strengthening the legislative framework, introducing institutional mechanisms and implementing public equality policies. We share its recommendation that the country still needed to reinforce the mechanisms and establish planning instruments for ensuring equality.

Bulgaria seizes this opportunity to support the CRC recommendation made in 2010 to Argentina that it prohibits by law all violence against children, including corporal punishment in all settings.

Thank you, Madame Chair.