**UPR 16 – Cameroon – 1 May 2013**

**STATEMENT by BULGARIA**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cameroon.

We would like to congratulate Cameroon for its comprehensive second UPR report which was prepared by means of a broad consultative process at national level.

We welcome the developments in Cameroon since the last review in the strategic, normative and institutional framework, one example of which is the validation of the National Action Plan for Human Rights Promotion and Protection.

Bulgaria notes positively that Cameroon has taken substantial awareness-raising and action-oriented measures to promote and protect women’s rights.

With regard to equality and non-discrimination, Bulgaria further notes the observation by CEDAW which remained concerned about patriarchal attitudes and deep-rooted stereotypes concerning women’s roles and responsibilities, as well as the position of women and girls in rural areas.

Bulgaria recommends that the Government of Cameroon continues its efforts to amend or repeal all discriminatory legislation, including discrimination regarding land ownership and to ensure the compatibility between customary law and statutory law.

Thank you.