**UPR 16 – Canada – 26 April 2013**

**STATEMENT by BULGARIA**

Thank you, Mr President,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Canada to the second UPR cycle.

We would like to congratulate Canada for its comprehensive second UPR report and for the manner in which the report has been prepared, involving over 200 civil society and Aboriginal organizations.

We view positively the fact that since its first cycle review Canada has taken a wide range of measures for the implementation of the recommendations arising from it.

Bulgaria welcomes the fact that among the priorities of the State is to further improve the situation of indigenous people. In this respect, we would like to recommend to Canada to adopt a comprehensive strategy on the situation of Aboriginal people at the federal level, to intensify the monitoring of Nutrition North Canada Programme, launched in 2011 and to develop a National plan of action.

Bulgaria would also recommend to Canada to ratify ILO Minimum Age Convention 138 and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

Thank you.