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STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Italy.

We would like to thank Italy for demonstrating strong commitment to the UPR process.

Bulgaria praised the overall efforts made by Italy to thoroughly implement the recommendations made during the first cycle of the UPR process and welcomes the fact that Italy has provided considerable financial and human resources for the protection of human rights.

We appreciate that in line with the recommendations Italy has enacted five European directives pertaining to the protection of human rights and signed or ratified three international conventions, implementing recommendations.

Bulgaria notes positively the fact that prevention of trafficking in human beings and protection of victims remains a priority for Italy.

We commend as well the adoption of the National Action Plan against Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance promoting a multiethnic, multicultural open and democratic society, in compliance with the international and European obligations.

Bulgaria seizes this opportunity to recommend to Italy to continue its efforts in establishing national human rights institutions, with a mandate to promote and protect human rights in line with the Paris Principles.

Thank you!