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STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Sweden.

We express our appreciation of the Government's efforts to secure full respect for Sweden's international commitment to human rights.

Bulgaria commends the ratification of the UN's core conventions on human rights and the adoption of two national plans of action for human rights.

We note with appreciation the fact that Sweden has taken concrete measures to strengthen the effectiveness of its efforts to combat discrimination and xenophobia, especially the appointment of a special investigator and the establishment of the Office of the Equality Ombudsman.

Bulgaria acknowledges the ambitious efforts to combat anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, and the religious based hate crimes and harassment.

Thank you!