



UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

THE 22nd SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

Consideration of the UPR Working Group on the Republic of Bulgaria

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Thank you Mr. President,

Bosnia and Herzegovina welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Bulgaria to the 22nd session of the UPR and thanks the head of delegation, H.E. Katya Todorova, DPM for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

My delegation commends Bulgaria for preparing and submitting to the UN a mid-term report in June 2013 that covers the implementation of recommendations from the First cycle. We also commend achieving the significant developments and improvements in human rights sphere, signing and ratifying numerous international human rights conventions, strengthening efforts on legislation process and adopting numerous legislation.

Bosnia and Herzegovina welcomes the steps taken by the Government for the purpose of strengthening the strong foundation for protection of human rights, in particular:

- Reform of the Bulgarian judicial system and further advancement in fighting against organized crime and
- Passing and implementing the numerous laws and policies in the fields of gender equality, rights of people with disabilities and rights of national minorities.

We would appreciate if the distinguished delegation of Bulgaria could share more information on measures that have been taken in order to strengthen the prosecution of perpetrators of trafficking in women and children.

Thank you Mr. President.