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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Bulgaria
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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Bulgaria and thank them for presenting a detailed second national UPR report.

We appreciate the efforts of Bulgaria to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights in the country including through strengthening of national human rights institutions as well as adoption of necessary legislative measures. We also highly value the engagement and cooperation of Bulgaria with the Special Procedures of the HRC and UN treaty bodies.

We commend steps to enhance the capacity of Ombudsman and the Commission for Protection against Discrimination (CPD) through establishing a network of Regional Representative Offices. We recommend that all necessary resources may be provided to further strengthen these institutions and to bring them in line with the Paris Principles.

We acknowledge the adoption of National Roma Integration Strategy (2012–2020) and recommend Bulgaria to address issues of poverty, employment, educations and housing of Roma people through effective implementation of integration strategy.

In conclusion, we wish Bulgaria a successful review

I thank you.

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