

22nd Session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Bulgaria

Statement by Rwanda delegation delivered by Jean de Dieu Budurege

Thank you Mr. President,

Rwanda welcomes the delegation of Bulgaria to the Second Cycle of the UPR and thanks them for the comprehensive national report.

We commend Bulgaria for the progress made since its UPR in promotion and protection of human rights. We particularly note with appreciation that during the reported period, Bulgaria signed and/or ratified a number of international instruments including the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Rwanda further commends Bulgaria for strengthening the capacity of the Ombudsman as well as its efforts in ensuring Equal opportunities for women and men. In particular, we take positive note of the development of the draft Gender Equality Act.

Rwanda would like to recommend Bulgaria to:

- **Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Right of all Migrants Workers and members of their families.**
- **Promote a positive image of and tolerance for asylum seekers and refugees.**

We wish Bulgaria every success in the implementation of the recommendations accepted of this UPR.

I thank you