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STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Georgia and congratulates the election of Georgia for the HRC (2016-2018).

We express our appreciation of the Government's efforts to secure full respect for Georgia's international commitment to human rights. The establishment of the National coordination mechanism is a crucial step towards the promotion and the full protection of HR of all persons in the country. In this regard, the recent adoption of the National Human Rights Strategy and its Action Plan is worth mentioning. Bulgaria welcomes the development and progress in the field of the gender equality, the rights of the child and the rights of persons with disabilities.

Bulgaria commends one of the most recent and important developments in the legislation of Georgia – the adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination law.

We further note the successfully completed 18 months Prison Healthcare Reform, following the independent evaluation conducted on behalf of the EU and CoE.

Bulgaria recommends to Georgia:

1. to continue the efforts to strengthen human rights protection in penitentiary establishments,
2. to strengthen its policy aimed at preventing torture, ill-treatment and other cruel or inhumane treatment by the sentence-execution officers in Georgian penitentiary establishments.

We wish Georgia success.

Thank you!