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STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Denmark.

Bulgaria commends the fact that since the first review, Denmark has become party to several international human rights mechanisms, among which the third Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Important achievement is the establishment of a special Office for Children, as part of the Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman Institution. We would like especially to note in particular the adoption (2014) of an Act improving the legal status of the so called “legally fatherless” children by giving them the right to initiate proceedings legally determining who their biological father is.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation the efforts of the Danish Government to combat domestic violence, discrimination and trafficking through several National action plans.

We commend the recent establishment of the Greenland Human Rights Council which contribute to the advancement of knowledge and skills of human rights in Greenland.

In line with the concerns that the Danish anti-discrimination legislations offer insufficient protection against discrimination, Bulgaria **recommends** express prohibition of discrimination against persons with disabilities as well as to religious belief, sexual orientation or age, outside the labour market.

Thank you!