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STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Hungary.

Bulgaria commends the adoption of a new constitution as well as the extension of a standing invitation to all mandate holders of human rights Special Procedures.

We appreciate the establishment of the office of the Ombudsman as crucial step towards the promotion and the full protection of HR to the benefit of all persons residing in the country. We also note with appreciation the setup of an inter-ministerial Human Rights Working Group tasked to monitor and to advise the Government on human rights legislation and to observe the implementation of the recommendations received in the UPR process.

Bulgaria welcomes the start of the Child Friendly Justice Program which helps children to know their rights and responsibilities.

In line with the Special Rapporteur's on racism observations, Bulgaria **recommends** to the Government to take resolute measures to condemn hate speech, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance against all minority groups, migrants and asylum seekers.

We share the Committee's on the Rights of the Child concerns that Hungary is still a source and transit country for trafficking in women and girls for sexual exploitation. We **recommend** that Hungary takes steps to reduce and prevent trafficking and provide adequate incentives and protection to victims.

Thank you!