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**STATEMENT by BULGARIA**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Poland.

We would like to thank for the comprehensive national report and the detailed presentation, demonstrating strong commitment to the UPR process.

Bulgaria commends the fact that since the first review, Poland has become party to several international human rights mechanisms, especially the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We note with appreciation that further work is under consideration to enhance mass media plurality and broaden access to different media as the right to freedom of expression and the freedom of the mass media are among the key principles enshrined in the Constitution.

Bulgaria also welcomes Poland’s positive actions towards the promotion and protection of human rights, including those addressing domestic violence and discrimination against women, sexual exploitation of children, human trafficking, etc.

In line with the recommendations and observations of relevant Committees, Bulgaria would like to **recommend** that the Government of Poland:

1. considers acceding to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons; and

2. strengthens its fight against cases of violence, hate speech and discrimination.

We would like to wish the delegation of Poland a successful review session.

Thank you!