**Statement by Bulgaria**

United Nations Human Rights Council

45th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

***Review of Mexico***

24 January 2024

Mr. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the Delegation of Mexico and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria commends the positive developments in the legislative, policy and institutional framework related to the protection of human rights in Mexico in the recent years. We recognized the implementation of the 2020–2024 National Human Rights Programme and the National Programme for Equality and Non-Discrimination.

We note with appreciation the amendments in the General Act on the Rights of Children and Adolescents and the Federal Civil Code to prevent, address, punish and prohibit corporal or physical and humiliating punishment as well as the 2021–2024 National Programme for the Protection of Children and Adolescents.

Bulgaria would like to highlight the importance of the amendments of the General Act on Women’s Access to a Violence-Free Life.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Mexico:

1. Continue efforts for the empowerment of women and girls and their increased participation in political and social life;
2. Тake further action to bring back students who have left the educational system as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We wish the Delegation of Mexico a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!