**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Senegal***

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the high-level Delegation of Senegal and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We acknowledge the positive developments in the legislative, institutional and policy framework in Senegal in the implementation of the accepted recommendations of the Third UPR Cycle. We recognize the adoption of the National Strategy for the Empowerment of Women and Girls 2021-2025.

Bulgaria encourages Senegalese authorities to take appropriate measures to ensure freedom of expression and assembly, as well as protection of the rights of journalists. We would like to highlight the importance of continuing the process of harmonization of national legislation in the field of the protection of children's rights and especially regarding the prevention of child marriages.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Senegal:

1. Continue efforts for the empowerment of women and their increased participation in political and social life;
2. Strengthen measures to ensure the implementation of inclusive education for all children in line with international standards.

We wish the Delegation of Senegal a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!