**Statement by the Republic of Bulgaria**

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***Review of Cambodia***

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cambodia and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Bulgaria commends the efforts of the Government of Cambodia in implementing the accepted recommendations of the third UPR cycle. We acknowledge the cooperation of Cambodia with different UN mandate-holders and special procedures. Bulgaria welcomes the adoption of national plans in key domains such as the National Strategic Plan to End Tuberculosis 2021-2030, the Third National Action Plan to Prevent Violence against Women (2019-2023) and the National Action Plan on the Reduction of Child Labour and the Elimination of the Worse Forms of Child Labour (2016-2025).

Bulgaria would like to offer for consideration the following recommendations:

1. Introduce legislative amendments to further enhance the protection of victims of sexual and gender-based violence and to ensure that cases of gender-based discrimination and violence against women, including domestic violence, are thoroughly investigated, the perpetrators are actively prosecuted and appropriately punished, and victims are provided with remedies.
2. Ensure the effective enforcement of existing domestic legislation as regards trafficking of human beings and to provide adequate protection for victims of trafficking, in particular of women and children.
3. Pursue efforts to improve the functioning of the national education system in order to provide quality inclusive education to all children and to increase the enrolment and completion rates and reduce dropout rates at the secondary level.

We wish the Delegation of Cambodia a successful review!

Thank You, Mr. President.