**Statement by the Republic of Bulgaria**

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***Review*** ***of Cyprus***

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Bulgaria is pleased to welcome the distinguished Delegation of Cyprus and to thank for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria would like to highlight the efforts of the Government of Cyprus to enhance the legislative, institutional and policy framework on the promotion and protection of human rights since the previous cycle of UPR.

We applaud the re-accreditation of the Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights of Cyprus with “A” status.

Bulgaria commends the priority, consistently attached by the Cyprus Government to women’s empowerment and children’s rights.

We appreciate the attention and care of the Cyprus authorities to provide welfare services and social assistance to all persons with disabilities.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue the implementation of policies and comprehensive measures to promote equal participation of women in public, political, social and economic spheres;
2. Undertake further efforts to combat human trafficking and provide protection and support to victims, especially women and children.

We wish the Delegation of Cyprus a successful outcome of the review!

Thank you, Mr. President.