**Statement by the Republic of Bulgaria**

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***Review of Yemen***

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Thank you, Mr. President,

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

Bulgaria recognizes the Yemeni Government’s efforts to address human rights challenges in various areas, compounded by the ongoing conflict. We note the will of the Yemeni authorities to solve the issue of displacement in the country and to provide care for displaced persons.

Bulgaria is aware of the steps taken by Yemeni Government to implement the accepted recommendations of the Third cycle of UPR and in particular the preparatory process for the establishment of an independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.

Bulgaria would like to offer for consideration the following recommendations:

1. Continue to pay special attention to the advancement of women’s rights, and in particular to the strengthening of women’s engagement in political, economic, social and cultural life;
2. Take further steps to prevent child recruitment and use in hostilities, and take additional measures to avoid child casualties during military operations.

We wish the Delegation of Yemen a successful review!

Thank You, Mr. President!