**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Slovenia***

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the delegation of Slovenia and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria acknowledges Slovenia's efforts to promote and protect children's rights, particularly through the Programme for Children 2020–2025. We also note with appreciation the Human Rights Ombudsman’s "A" status accreditation under the Paris Principles and Slovenia’s active role as a core group member of the MLA initiative.

We highlight the continuing measures of authorities to combat discrimination in all forms, and fight hate speech and hate crimes. Bulgaria recognizes the efforts to increase the access to health services for disadvantaged groups, including children, women with disabilities, and older persons.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Consider guaranteeing in legislation at least one year of free and compulsory pre-primary education and 12 years of free primary and secondary education.
2. Continue measures to align national legislation on the rights of persons with disabilities with the provisions of the CRPD.

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

Thank you, Mr. President!