**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Argentina***

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the Delegation of Argentina and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria commends the positive developments in the normative and institutional framework related to the protection of human rights in Argentina. We note with appreciation that the National Secretariat for Human Rights has been transformed to the Ministry of Human Rights and Cultural Pluralism of Argentina.

We highly value the detailed information on the follow-up to recommendations of the Second UPR that has been provided in the national report of Argentina.

Commendable are the adoption in 2016 by the Argentine Government of the first National Plan for prevention, protection, assistance and eradication of violence against women and the subsequent efforts for its implementation.

We welcome the establishment of the National System for the Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the setting up of a special unit in the National Commission for Human Rights and Cultural Pluralism to implement the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture. We share the expectations that these measures will strength the capacity of national and local mechanisms for the prevention of torture.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendation to Argentina:

• To continue its efforts to encourage mass media and journalists’ engagement with human rights promotion.

We wish the Delegation of Argentina a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!