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Mr. Vice-President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the high level Delegation of Ghana and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation the positive developments in the normative and institutional framework related to the protection of human rights in Ghana.

We highly value that Ghana has achieved Millennium Development Goal on universal primary education and attaches priority to improving educational quality.

We encourage further legislative and policy developments for achieving gender equality such as the enactment of draft Affirmative Action Bill which is before the Parliament and the implementation of the Gender Policy adopted in 2015.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Ghana:

• To continue its efforts to expand educational programmes and awareness-raising campaigns for preventing corporal punishment of children in schools and childcare institutions.

• To elaborate and adopt an Action Plan for strengthening the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in compliance with 2006 Persons with Disability Act of Ghana.

We wish the Delegation of Ghana a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President!