**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of the Republic of Korea***

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Mr. Vice-President,

Bulgaria welcomes the high level Delegation of the Republic of Korea and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria expresses satisfaction that most of the accepted recommendations of the Second UPR have been or are being implemented by the Republic of Korea.

We commend the high percentage of enrolment in the middle and high schools and the Government plans to expand compulsory education to high schools. We note that more than 70% of children with disabilities take inclusive education.

We would like to highlight the efforts taken by the Government for implementation of the policy on gender mainstreaming.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation that the current membership of the Republic of Korea of the Human Rights Council and its Presidency of the Council in 2016 are an expression of the Republic of Korea strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to the Republic of Korea:

• To continue its efforts to extend welfare services and assistance to all persons with disabilities;

• To undertake further steps to encourage a higher proportion of women in managerial positions in the public institutions and the private business.

We wish the Delegation of the Republic of Korea a successful outcome of the review!

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President!