**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Myanmar***

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Madame President,

Ms./Mr. Vice-President,

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

We acknowledge the advancement in the field of human rights in Myanmar since the second UPR Cycle, including the establishment of the Myanmar Human Rights Commission and the adoption of the Child Rights Law. Bulgaria notes the reports that the November 2020 general elections were held in a relatively calm and transparent manner, and regrets that the elections were cancelled in Rakhine and other areas over security concerns, thus preventing Rohingya and other minorities to exercise their political rights. We encourage Myanmar to grant UN Special Procedures and humanitarian organisations, including the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar, unhindered and unrestricted access to the territory of the country.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Myanmar:

1. Intensify efforts to implement the National Strategy on Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons and Closure of Camps for Internally Displaced Persons.
2. Create conditions for voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return of all refugees.

1. Develop rules and procedures for implementation of the Child Rights Law in line with the guiding principles of non-discrimination and best interests of the child.

We wish the Delegation of Myanmar a successful review!

Thank you.