**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Madame/Mr. Vice-President,

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

We commend the country for the progress that has been made since the second UPR and applaud the efforts to implement almost all of the accepted recommendations.

Bulgaria would like to note with understanding that the COVID-19 pandemic has posed formidable challenge in achieving the targets that the Government of Nepal has included in various plans and programs related to human rights, designed and aligned with the SDGs.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Nepal:

1. Increase its efforts to achieve inclusive education by ensuring access for all persons with disabilities at all levels of education.
2. Ensure the meaningful and empowered inclusion of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in implementing disability-inclusive development projects and in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

We wish the Delegation of Nepal a successful review!

Thank you.