**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Oman***

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Madame/Mr. Vice-President,

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

We commend the progress made since the second UPR as a result of the implementation of accepted recommendations.

Bulgaria would like to recognize that some challenges still remain in the area of promotion and protection of the rights of persons belonging to specific groups. We hope that the Omani authorities will bring fully the new national legislation in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Oman:

1. Intensify efforts to end all forms of multiple and intersectional discrimination and violence against women and girls with disabilities.
2. Strengthen legislative and policy measures for the advancement of the rights of women and girls and for their empowerment.
3. Set up a comprehensive strategy for the inclusion of children with disabilities and their integration into all areas of social life, including education, sports and leisure activities.

We wish the Delegation of Oman a successful review!

Thank you.