**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Estonia***

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Mme President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Estonia.

We would like to thank for the comprehensive national report and the presentation today, demonstrating strong commitment to the UPR process. Bulgaria commends the overall efforts made by Estonia to implement the recommendations that were accepted during the second cycle.

We appreciate that in line with the recommendations made by Bulgaria in the second UPR, Estonia established a national institution for the promotion and protection of human rights. We praise the steps in enhancing the child protection system.

With a view to further improving the human rights situation in the country, Bulgaria wishes to offer Estonia the following recommendations:

1) Ensure appropriate support, inclusive quality education, and social protection systems for all children with disabilities, including during COVID-19 pandemic;

2) Strengthen efforts, with the meaningful participation of women and girls with disabilities and their representative organizations, to mainstream the rights of women and girls with disabilities into all disability related legislation and policies.

We wish the delegation of Estonia a successful review!

Thank you.