**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Paraguay***

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Mme President,

Bulgaria welcomes the delegation of Paraguay and acknowledges the progress that Paraguay has made in the process of implementation of the accepted recommendations since the second UPR cycle.

We note with appreciation the efforts made by the Government of Paraguay to promote the rights of women and girls, address gender-based violence, and strengthen the protection of the rights of the child and the rights of persons with disabilities.

We encourage Paraguay to ensure the effective implementation and monitoring of the National Human Rights Plan and for this purpose allocate sufficient human, technical and financial resources.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Intensify efforts to eliminate discrimination against women and girls through awareness-raising programmes that are oriented to equality between women and men and women’s empowerment.
2. Continue to harmonize national legislation and public policies with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We wish the Delegation of Paraguay a successful review!

Thank you!