**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Seychelles***

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Mme President,

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

We appreciate the progress of Seychelles in enhancing its legislative, institutional and policy framework for protection of human rights since the second UPR.

Bulgaria commends the adoption of the Domestic Violence Bill and the Children Amendment Act in 2020.

We encourage Seychelles to remain committed to democracy, good governance and the rule of law in the follow-up to the presidential and legislative elections that were held in October last year.

Bulgaria would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen support to the judicial system, including through the allocation of sufficient human, technical and financial resources and through regular capacity-building on women’s rights and gender equality for judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police officers and other law enforcement officials.
2. Adopt and implement a comprehensive strategy addressing all forms of discrimination, including multiple forms of discrimination, against all groups in vulnerable situations, particularly women and children.

We wish the Delegation of Seychelles a successful review!

Thank you.