**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Greece***

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Madame President,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Greece and thanks for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria recognizes the timely response of the Greek Government to the spread of the COVID – 19 pandemic and the appropriate measures it took to protect all those in vulnerable situations in the country.

We would like to highlight the strong commitment of Greece to the non-discrimination and tolerance, the rights of the child and the rights of persons with disabilities that was manifested with the adoption of three relevant Action Plans in 2020-2021.

Bulgaria commends the achievements of Greece in promoting substantive gender equality, particularly in the political, social and economic spheres.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take further steps to guarantee inclusive education of children with disabilities in the mainstream education system.

1. Continue the efforts of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum to promote the social integration of unaccompanied minors residing in Greece.

We wish the Delegation of Greece a successful review!

Thank you.