**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the delegation of Lithuania and thanks for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

We would like to highlight the accreditation of the Office of the Seimas Ombudsperson with A status under the Paris Principles and its active role in the UPR process.

Bulgaria commends the amendments to the Law on Fundamentals of Protection of the Rights of the Child, as well as all efforts to encourage positive parenting and to raise public awareness and intolerance of violence against children.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Programme for the development of an environment that is suitable for persons with disabilities in all areas of life as important step towards the full implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Lithuania:

1. Continue its consistent efforts to ensure equal access to the labour market for all persons with disabilities, especially women;
2. Implement further measures to ensure full access to education for children from vulnerable groups.

We wish the Delegation of Lithuania a successful review!

Thank you.