**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We appreciate the adoption of the National Human Rights Plan (2022-2026) and the commitment of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain to implement all projects contained therein.

Bulgaria applauds the implementation of the Women’s Political Participation Programme, which encourages the participation of women in the electoral campaigns in order to prepare them for membership in legislative and municipal councils.

We commend the continuous actions taken by the National Committee for Childhood to promote the educational, cultural and psychological development of children of all ages.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and a policy framework to ensure full and effective protection from discrimination in all spheres and providing remedies for victims.
2. Take further measures to strengthen the independence and capacity of the National Human Rights Institution and achieve its full compliance with the Paris Principles.
3. Continue to promote incorporation of persons with disabilities who seek employment into diverse sectors of the labour market.

We wish the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain a successful review!

Thank you.