**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the high-level delegation of Tunisia and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We note that the national human rights legislation has been reinforced since the third UPR cycle with the adoption of new laws and the establishment of the Commission to Combat Racial Discrimination. We welcome the Government’s policies and measures aimed at protecting children’s rights.

Bulgaria encourages Tunisia to strengthening the legal framework on the right to freedom of expression, in close cooperation with civil society.

We would like to make the following three recommendations:

1. Provide the Commission to Combat Racial Discrimination with the necessary resources for its effective functioning;
2. Continue efforts to ensure that all children have access to health care and education, especially in remote and rural areas;
3. Take further steps to respect the rights of persons with disabilities and promote their equal participation in the public and social sphere.

We wish the distinguished delegation of Tunisia a successful review!

Thank you.