**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Mr. President,

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

We note with appreciation the progress made in the Kingdom of Morocco’s regulatory, institutional and policy framework for human rights in line with the accepted recommendations during the third UPR cycle.

Bulgaria highlights the incorporation of new provisions on equality and non-discrimination in a number of laws. We acknowledge the reorganization of the National Human Rights Office and the Ombudsman’s Office, and recognize the implementation of the Nation Action Plan for Democracy and Human Rights.

Bulgaria welcomes the achievements in advancing women’s rights. We praise consistent action to guarantee children’s rights and protect children from various forms of neglect, violence and exploitation.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Develop and implement awareness-raising programmes to promote better understanding of equality between women and men at all levels of society.
2. Consider developing and adopting a comprehensive policy, road map and funding plan to introduce an inclusive education system for children with disabilities.
3. Ensure that the national commission responsible for coordinating measures aimed at combatting and preventing human trafficking effectively carries out its mandate.

We wish the delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco a successful review!

Thank you.