**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Algeria***

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Mr. President,

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

We appreciate the inclusion of provisions on the rights of freedom of opinion and assembly, elimination of all forms of discrimination, rights of the child, and right of clean environment in the new Constitution of Algeria.

Bulgaria welcomes the establishment of the National Council for Youth and the creation of National Civil Society Observatory.

We acknowledge the achievements of Algeria in providing universal free access to health care and education.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take further steps to ensure that the National Human Rights Council complies with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles);
2. Develop a national strategy, in close consultation with civil society organizations, to improve the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities, and raise awareness among employers.

We wish the delegation of Algeria a successful review!

Thank you.