**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Mr. President,

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

Bulgaria appreciates that the protection of human rights is a high priority in both Argentina’s domestic and foreign policy. We recognize that the stability of democratic institutions has a favourable effect on the promotion of human rights in the country.

We highlight the Argentine’s positive results in achieving equality between women and men.

Our expectations are that the possible appointment of the Ombudsman (Defensor del Pueblo) may generate a new positive impulse to further strengthen the promotion of human rights in Argentina.

Bulgaria would like to offer the following recommendations:

1) Continue the harmonization of domestic legislation on the rights of persons with disabilities with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other relevant international human rights treaties;

2) Develop a comprehensive public education policy that guarantees the equal access to inclusive education in mainstream schools for children with disabilities;

3) Take further steps to enhance the digital inclusion of learners and teachers while ensuring their protection online.

We wish the Delegation of Argentina a successful review!

Thank you!