**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of Korea and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation the activities of the National Human Rights Commission and its dedication to promote and protect human rights as independent national body.

We would like to highlight the efforts taken by the Government for the inclusion of human rights education as a subject of the school program. We encourage the Republic of Korea to continue with the good practice to develop human rights education programs and organize capacity-building training of teachers.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to the Republic of Korea:

1. Continue efforts to improve the process of deinstitutionalization of the persons with disabilities and their full social inclusion through accessible environment and equal payment;
2. Ensure equal opportunities for women’s empowerment in increasing access to leadership positions in public sphere and private business, including in areas of science and technology, research and innovation.

We wish the Delegation of the Republic of Korea a successful review!

Thank you!