**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Luxembourg***

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Mr. President,

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

Bulgaria views the election of Luxembourg to the Bureau of the Human Rights Council in 2023 as an international recognition of its achievements in the promotion and protection of human rights.

We note with appreciation the progress made by Luxembourg in implementing the accepted recommendation on the integration of children with special needs into mainstream schools, made by Bulgaria during the previous UPR cycle.

We commend the launch of the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child for the period 2022–2026 and the National Action Plan for the Implementation of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for the period 2019-2024.

Bulgaria would like to offer the following recommendations:

1) Retain the human rights training course as part of the mandatory training for new recruits in the Luxembourg diplomatic corps;

2) Take further measures to increase the representation of women in decision-making positions in the public and private sectors and at the academic institutions;

3) Continue to improve the quality of education and further implement all necessary measures to close inequality gaps based on national origin and socio-economic status.

We wish the delegation of Luxembourg a successful outcome of the review!

Thank you, Mr. President.