**Statement by Bulgaria**

United Nations Human Rights Council

29th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

***Review of France***

15 January 2018

Mr. President,

Bulgaria extends warm welcome to the high level Delegation of France and thanks for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation that France has taken relevant actions to improve its normative and structural framework for protection of human rights pursuant to the accepted recommendations of the second cycle of UPR.

We commend the efforts taken by the French Government to ensure genuine equality between women and men and education without discrimination to all children. We praise the enhanced legislative framework, policies and actions for inclusive education of children with disabilities in French schools.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to France:

• To continue the fight against trafficking in human beings and the participation in the international cooperation in this respect.

• To take further steps to extend welfare services and assistance to all persons with disabilities.

We wish the Delegation of France a successful outcome of the review!

Thank you, Mr. President!