**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Luxembourg***

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Mme Vice-President,

Bulgaria welcomes the Delegation of Luxembourg and appreciates the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria would like to highlight that Luxembourg has undertaken consistent efforts to ratify a number of international human rights instruments and to upgrade its legal and institutional framework for protection of human rights based on the evaluation of the outcome and the accepted recommendations of the second cycle of UPR.

We commend Luxembourg on having taken major steps towards enhancing equality between women and men and women’s political and economic participation. We praise the adoption of the law of 15 December 2016 which stipulates that political parties meet a minimum 40-per-cent quota for women in their lists for national elections and a 50-per-cent quota for European elections.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation that Luxembourg attaches particular importance to responding to the inflow of refugees and migrants into Europe by receiving asylum-seekers and relocating and resettling refugees.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendation to Luxembourg:

• To take further steps to integrate children with special needs into regular educational establishments.

We wish the Delegation of Luxembourg every success in this UPR cycle!

Thank you, Mme Vice-President!