**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Liechtenstein***

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Liechtenstein and appreciates the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria would like to highlight that in line with the accepted recommendations of the second cycle of UPR Liechtenstein has ratified a number of international and European human rights instruments and with the establishment of the Association of Human Rights in Liechtenstein and the Office for Social Services has extensively upgraded its institutional framework for protection of human rights.

We commend Liechtenstein on having taken major efforts towards enhancing equality between women and men and women’s empowerment. Bulgaria recognizes that the difference between average monthly wages of men and women in Liechtenstein has steadily fallen over the past ten years.

We praise that Liechtenstein has made considerable progress in protecting the rights of the persons with disabilities and promoting their integration in the professional and social life.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation that Liechtenstein has attached particular importance to combat trafficking in human beings and has engaged in international cooperation in this respect.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendation to Liechtenstein:

• To continue pursuing appropriate policies, including awareness-raising campaigns, in order to ensure protection of the rights of the persons with disabilities.

We wish the Delegation of Liechtenstein a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!