**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Azerbaijan***

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the high level Delegation of Azerbaijan and thanks for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

Our Delegation acknowledges that the recent adoption of a number of laws, such as the Public Participation Act, the Mandatory Childhood Health Examinations Act, the Preschool Education Act, etc. has contributed to bringing the country’s legislation in compliance with international standards on protection of human rights. Consistent policy measures have been taken to guarantee equality between women and men, promotion and protection of the rights of the child and persons with disabilities.

Bulgaria recognizes that Azerbaijan cooperates with the Human Rights Council special procedures and has issued a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Azerbaijan:

1. To step up efforts to strengthen the role of women in the political and socio-economic development of the country;
2. To continue implementing programs and projects aimed at ensuring access to inclusive education for all children with disabilities.

We wish the Delegation of Azerbaijan a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!