**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Thank you, Mr. President!

Bulgaria welcomes the high level Delegation of Burkina Faso and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We note with appreciation the developments in the normative and institutional framework and in the public policies since 2013 in Burkina Faso.

Bulgaria commends the enactment of law establishing the National Human Rights Commission in 2013, the creation of the National Council for Children in 2014 and the process of making these bodies operational.

Bulgaria praises Burkina Faso’s implementation of the 2015 Act on prevention and punishment in respect of violence against women and girls and other legislative and institutional measures aimed at eliminating discrimination against women and promoting equality between women and men.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Burkina Faso:

• To continue implementating the Plan for Strategic Development of Basic Education and the Literacy Plan, to undertake further measures to improve the quality and infrastructure of schools, particularly in rural areas;

• To step up efforts to address prejudice against children with disabilities, to ensure that such children have access to health care and inclusive education.

We wish the Delegation of Burkina Faso a successful outcome of the review!

Thank you, Mr. President!