**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Canada***

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes Canada’s Delegation and thanks for its comprehensive national report presentation.

The relevant measures taken by Canada to enhance its legislative and structural framework and public policies for protection of human rights, in conformity with the accepted recommendations of the second UPR cycle, deserve high appreciation.

We praise the Federal Government of Canada for its strong commitment to gender equality, which has found an expression in the appointment of a gender-equal federal cabinet and of the first cabinet minister responsible for the status of women.

Our Delegation commends the Federal Government of Canada for establishing a permanent mechanism for dialogue with the indigenous population and for setting up a framework for participation of the Canadian indigenous people in the UN and other international conferences and meetings.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Canada:

1) To continue providing resources for a full and effective classroom support needed to ensure inclusive education for children with special needs;

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

We wish the Delegation of Canada a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!