**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Germany***

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Mr. President,

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

Bulgaria commends that most of the accepted recommendations of the Second UPR have been or are being implemented by Germany.

We would like to highlight the efforts taken in Germany at federal and regional level which aim at ensuring genuine equality between women and men, realizing the rights of persons with disabilities and providing inclusive education to children with disabilities.

Bulgaria recognizes Germany’s contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide as an elected member of the UN Human Rights Council for the two three-year terms 2013 to 2015 and 2016 to 2018 and as President of the Council in 2015.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Germany:

1. To continue strengthening efforts against trafficking in human beings and enhancing the protection of its victims.

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

We wish the Delegation of Germany a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!