**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Cameroon***

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Thank you, Mr. President!

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

We note the positive developments in the legislative and institutional framework and in the public policies in Cameroon after the second UPR cycle, namely the enactment of the new Penal Code, which provides for improved protection of women’s rights, the creation of the National Platform for the Protection of Children, the adoption of the National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights 2015-2019, etc.

Bulgaria recognizes that the updated National Policy Paper on the Protection and Promotion of Persons with Disabilities and its related Action Plan 2017-2020 anticipate the availability of inclusive education and social and occupational integration of persons with disabilities.

Bulgaria would like to encourage Cameroon to undertake further appropriate measures aimed at effective implementation of the new legislation and public policies, as well to ensure independence and effectiveness of the National Commission for Human Rights and Freedoms in conformity with the United Nations principles related to the status of national human rights institutions.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Cameroon:

1. To take steps for adequate representation of women in political life and encouragement of their economic empowerment;
2. Pursuant to the 2013-2020 Strategy Paper for the Education Sector in Cameroon to continue raising the enrolment rate in primary and secondary schools and improving the quality of education.

We wish the Delegation of Cameroon a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!