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Mr. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the Delegation of Mexico and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria commends the positive developments in the legislative, policy and institutional framework related to the protection of human rights in Mexico in the recent years. We note with appreciation the adoption of the General Act on the Rights of Children and Adolescents in 2014 as well as the implementation of the National Human Rights Programme 2014-2018 and the National Programme for Equality of Opportunities and Non-Discrimination against Women 2013-2018.

Bulgaria would like to highlight that in June 2018 amendments were introduced into the National Human Rights Commission Act which, in conformity of the Paris Principles, stipulate transparent election of Presidency and Consultative council with the participation of society.

We value the detailed information on the follow-up to recommendations of the Second UPR that has been provided in the national report of Mexico.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Mexico:

1. To implement measures aimed at ensuring women’s appointment to decision-making positions in the executive agencies and the judiciary system;
2. To continue efforts to eliminate all forms of domestic and institutional degrading treatment of children with disabilities.

We wish the Delegation of Mexico a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!