**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the high level Delegation of the Principality of Monaco and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation that most of the accepted recommendations of the Second UPR have been or are being implemented by the Principality of Monaco.

We praise the establishment in 2013 of the Office of the High Commissioner for the protection of rights, liberties and for mediation, which plays a key role in the protection of human rights in the Principality.

Bulgaria would like to highlight the process of establishment of the Interministerial committee for the promotion and protection of women’s rights.

We commend the ratification, by the Principality of Monaco, of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2017, and the recent enactment of legislation on extending opportunities for persons with disabilities for support and assistance and on accessibility of buildings for them.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1) To consider development and implementation of a comprehensive policy for the protection of the rights of the child;

2) To continue its efforts to facilitate women’s representation in the National Council (the Parliament) and the Government.

We wish the Delegation of the Principality of Monaco a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!