**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Chile***

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Thank you, Mme Vice-President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Chile and wishes it success during the third UPR review.

We would like to congratulate the Delegation of Chile for the comprehensive presentation of its report.

Bulgaria commends the achievements of the Government of Chile in implementing the recommendations of the second UPR of the country. We welcome the ratification of the Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on a communication procedure and the establishment of the Office of the Undersecretary for Human Rights, the Children’s Rights Ombudsman and the post of Undersecretary for Children.

Bulgaria appreciates Chile’s significant progress toward achieving gender equality. We take note of the view of CEDAW for the need of a comprehensive legal definition of all forms of discrimination against women in Chile.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Chile:

1. Adopt a legal definition of all forms of discrimination against women, covering direct and indirect discrimination.
2. Take further measures to ensure respect and protection of the rights of children, especially for those who are institutionalized.

Thank You, Mme Vice-President!