**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Vanuatu***

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Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Vanuatu and thanks for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria commends the achievements of the Government of Vanuatu in implementing the accepted recommendations of the second UPR of the country. We note the adoption of the National Child Protection Policy (2016-2026). Bulgaria acknowledges the efforts of the Vanuatu authorities to eliminate discrimination against women and promote gender equality through the adoption and implementation of relevant policies: the National Gender Equality Policy 2015-2019, the Reproductive Health Policy 2015, the National Law and Justice Sector Strategy 2010-2017 and the Gender Equity in Education Policy 2005-2015.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take appropriate measures to enhance the data-collection system on children with disabilities with a view of strengthening the protection of their rights.
2. Consider developing of a comprehensive disaster-sensitive social protection system for children with disabilities and take steps to improve the physical safety and resilience of school infrastructure.

We wish the Delegation of Vanuatu a successful review!

Thank You, Mr. Vice-President!