**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Fiji***

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the Delegation of Fiji and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Bulgaria would like to commend Fiji for the ratification of all core international human rights treaties.

We note with appreciation the incorporation of universal access to primary education into the Fiji educational system and the record number of Fijian children that are given access to secondary and tertiary education in the last years.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen social protection systems to ensure that families and children, affected by climate change, would receive sufficient and adequate support,
2. Consider taking temporary measures, including the introduction of minimum quota of at least 30 per cent of women candidates on the electoral lists of political parties, and facilitate selection and training of women candidates for public offices, in particular at the decision-making level,
3. Launch public information campaign to overcome social stigma and encourage the competent authorities, teachers and parents to promote the right to education of children with disabilities.

We wish the Delegation of Fiji a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!