**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Guinea***

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Thank you, Madame President,

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

Bulgaria appreciates the adoption since the second UPR cycle of a number of laws which aim to consolidate the process of promoting and protecting human rights.

We would like to highlight the adoption of a number of legislative acts and policy measures, in line with the accepted recommendations during the second UPR cycle, including the National Policy for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights and Welfare of Children in Guinea.

Bulgaria acknowledges the steps taken in the field of countering discrimination in general and the fight against gender discrimination. In our view, further efforts are needed to ensure that persons with disabilities are not discriminated against in practice.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

* 1. Take further steps to ensure that women are not discriminated against in law or in practice and to increase women’s participation in public life;
	2. Adopt a legal framework with specific targets concerning the accessibility of services to persons with disabilities.

We wish the Delegation of Guinea a successful review!

Thank you, Madame President!