**Statement by Bulgaria**

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Madame President,

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

Bulgaria appreciates that Kyrgyzstan attaches special attention to the protection and promoting children’s rights. We welcome the introduction of the position of children’s rights ombudsman in June 2019.

We recognize the ratification by Kyrgyzstan of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in March 2019. We also note the adoption in July 2019 of a specific Concept of inclusive education development and associated Action Plan 2019-2023, addressing issues of children with disabilities.

Bulgaria is of the view that additional efforts need to be exerted for the practical application of these policy measures. We believe that the competent authorities may focus more attention and resources for the gradual deinstitutionalization of children with disabilities and their inclusion in the general education system.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Kyrgyzstan:

1) Ensure that all children with disabilities have access to quality care services that meet their needs and allocate sufficient human and financial resources for schools to strengthen their access to inclusive education;

2) Establish community-based services for children with intellectual disabilities, with the involvement of the health, education and social sectors.

We wish the Delegation of Kyrgyzstan a successful outcome of the review!

Thank you, Madame President!