**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Spain***

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Mme. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the high level Delegation of Spain and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria highly appreciates that Spain has taken relevant actions to upgrade its legislative, policy and administrative framework for protection of human rights in line with the accepted recommendations of the second cycle of UPR.

We would like to highlight the firm commitment of the Government of Spain to the promotion of equality between women and men.

Bulgaria commends the adoption of the Royal Decree-Law of 28 July 2018 by the Spanish Government that guarantees universal health care and the right to consistent health protection to all people who live in the country, including foreigners residing in Spain.

We acknowledge the progress that has been made in the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategy in Spain 2012-2020.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Spain:

1. Continue the implementation of measures to combat domestic violence and provide adequate assistance to the victims of such violence that are stipulated in the National Covenant on Combatting Gender-based Violence 2018-2022.
2. Strengthen efforts aimed at fighting trafficking in human beings and contributing to European and international cooperation with regard to the fight against trafficking for labour exploitation.

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

Thank you, Mme. President!