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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Bulgaria and thanks it for its presentation.

We commend Bulgaria on its 2019 Persons with Disabilities Act, which provides a comprehensive legal framework for safeguarding the rights of persons with disabilities.

We encourage Bulgaria to intensify efforts towards gender equality and to combat sexual- and gender-based violence.

*Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Istanbul Convention*.

Continuing the efforts to strengthen the independence of the judiciary and combatting corruption is key to ensuring confidence in the legal system.

*Denmark recommends the Government to introduce the legal framework necessary to effectively investigate and prosecute persons engaged in high-level corruption.*

Denmark wishes Bulgaria a successful review.

I thank you.