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**UPR of Bulgaria**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*6 November 2020, Geneva*

Madame President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Bulgaria for the presentation of the comprehensive national report and participation in the third cycle of the UPR process.

As per agreed practice the Polish delegation would like to recommend to Bulgaria:

* **to align the legal framework for juvenile justice with international standards as recommended by UNICEF,**
* **to ensure that all cases of hate speech, hate crimes and discrimination against religious groups were investigated and sanctioned, and to this end revise the draft legislation in conformity with the ICCPR.**

At the same time we want to underline that we acknowledge Bulgarian efforts to implement the recommendations made during the second UPR cycle, including measures to improve and develop national laws and legislations in line with the UN human rights standards.

With regard to the present report on the HR situation in Bulgaria, Polish delegation would like to commend Bulgaria’s efforts to alleviate the social and economic situation of the Roma communities, noting however that there is still room to improve situation of those communities.

Thank you for your attention.