



Pledge submitted by Bulgaria to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat  
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**Pledging entity:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

**PLEDGE NUMBER 1:** Bulgaria intends to advance the efforts of the international community for achieving full equality between women and men. We will continue to advocate for equal participation of women in the political, economic and public life and in decision-making processes at all levels in both public and private sectors. In the recent months, Bulgaria has adopted a strong legal framework for preventing and combating violence against women. We strive to implement those policies and programmes in compliance with the relevant international standards. We also pledges to fulfill our first National Acton Plan for Women, Peace and Security.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2026

**PLEDGE NUMBER 2:** Bulgaria will promote inclusive education to ensure the right to education for all children with a special focus on children with disabilities. We will continue to elaborate and implement adequate policies to ensure the fulfilment of the rights of all children without discrimination. We pledge to strengthen cooperation and coordination between all relevant authorities and stakeholders.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2026

**PLEDGE NUMBER 3:** My country is committed to work actively for the elimination of all forms of discrimination, racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and hate speech. Based on our long-standing tradition of tolerance, Bulgaria will continue to promote intercultural and inter-religious dialogue.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2026

**PLEDGE NUMBER 4:** Bulgaria will dedicate further efforts to address the new threats and increasing challenges to freedom of expression, both online and offline. Special attention will be place on media independence and the safety of journalists. We are committed to continue tackling the negative impact of disinformation and hate speech on freedom of expression.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2026