

13th session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**Review of Finland****(23 May, 2012)****Intervention by Ukraine**

The delegation of Ukraine commends Finland's firm stand on the promotion and protection of human rights and welcomes great attention which Government of Finland pays to the human rights sphere as reflected in the national UPR report.

We would like to particularly praise the true multi-participatory approach demonstrated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in preparations of the Report which enabled all the interested national human rights actors including civil society to provide their views and assessments of the Finnish human rights situation.

Acknowledging progress made so far in the area of gender equality, we would like to encourage the Finnish Government to undertake further measures aimed at protection of women's rights, including prevention of violence, and to wish all the success to the national "Equal pay" programme in reaching its objectives by the year 2015.