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Review of the Netherlands

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Intervention by Ukraine

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Madame President,

To begin with, the delegation of Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Netherlands to the UPR working group and thanks for the introduction of the National report, which, as reflected, was drafted in consultations with agencies set up to protect human rights in the Netherlands and respective NGOs.

Ukraine commends progress achieved in the Netherlands since the previous review, particularly in implementing recommendations received in the year 2008. We welcome ratification by the Netherlands of a number of important human rights' conventions happened so far. At the same time we wish to recommend to the Government of the Netherlands to strengthen efforts to promote access of persons with disabilities to education and labour market, their legislative protection, in particular, through speeding up approval by the Parliament of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Noting inequalities of pay and imbalance between men and women in private and public sector mentioned in the National report, we would like to encourage the Dutch Government to take further measures for combating disadvantages that women continue to experience in the labour market.

Thank you, Madame President.