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Madame President,

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Poland and thanks for the presentation of the comprehensive report prepared in consultations with respective national ministries, relevant parliamentary committees and NGOs. We commend the Government of Poland for its commitments to the UPR process as well as the openness in reflecting the situation with human rights in the country and constructive cooperation with this mechanism in a frank manner, paying special attention to the observations and recommendations emerged from the previous review.

We are pleased to note the progress achieved in promotion and protection of the rights to political and social participation, freedom of expression, information and public transparency. In particular, we welcome the achievements in ensuring human rights of vulnerable groups such as women, children, elderly people, persons with disabilities and national minorities including Ukrainians.

We welcome activities of the Government of Poland aiming at encouraging in the society broadly perceived culture of tolerance, enhancing public awareness of the necessity to counter discrimination based on racial, national or ethnic reason, developing intolerable attitude towards all forms of violence etc. We believe such approaches are the important prerequisite of elimination and prevention of these phenomena.

Thank you, Madame President.