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Madame President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Republic of South Africa and thanks for the presentation of the national report reflecting efforts taken by the Government of South Africa for promotion and protection of human rights as well as notable progress achieved in this sphere to date.

Recognizing threats of HIV/AIDS epidemic spread and commending South Africa's response to this challenge, we would like to hear which measures are envisaged by the South African authorities to improve equal access to health care and treatment, especially for women suffering from HIV.

Regarding the alarmingly high crime rates, we would also like to learn more about measures which the Government of South Africa intends to take for improving security of citizens and enhancing protection of particularly vulnerable groups such as women and children.

Finally, Mme President, praising South Africa for success achieved in ensuring access to water for substantially increased number of people, we hope that South Africa's experience in this sphere will serve as an example of "best practices" proving advantages of a human rights based approach to the water issue.

Thank you, Madame President.