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**Intervention by Ukraine**

Ukraine commends the UK devotion to the protection and promotion of human rights and its productive cooperation with relevant international mechanisms, including active and constructive participation in the work of the Human Rights Council.

We also welcome measures undertaken at national level aimed at combating all forms of violence against women and girls, in particular the respective Action Plan launched in March 2011, and would like to encourage the Government of the United Kingdom to strengthen its efforts in this area, including protection and rehabilitation of the victims of violence.

We wish to echo CEDAW recommendation on importance of priority attention to be given to the issue of discrimination against women and further mainstreaming gender equality into national policies and processes.

Speaking in this regard on just and favourable conditions of work, my delegation would like to recommend the UK Government to revitalize endeavors intended for eradication of the wage gap between men and women than has reportedly stalled.