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Review of Japan

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Intervention by Ukraine

Madame President,

Ukraine welcomes the esteemed delegation of Japan at the 14th session of the UPR Working Group and appreciates presentation of the National report that focuses on the implementation of recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the Review in 2008.

We note with satisfaction involvement of civil society and NGOs into the UPR process, in particular, with the use of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website and social media accounts.

Our delegation recognizes Japan's strong commitments to human rights protection and promotion and welcomes a standing invitation extended to Special Procedures in March 2011.

We commend Japan's national efforts, particularly, the "Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality" and international ones such as initiative for empowerment of women in natural disasters, aimed at advancement of women, and encourage the Government of Japan to pay further attention to protection of human rights of women, including those related to their representation in political and public life, as well as to women's disadvantaged situation in the labour market.

Finally, Mme President, Ukraine wishes to make following recommendations to Japan:

- **to promote reproductive and sexual health education for adolescents** (in view of importance of preventive measures to fight increase of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS);
- **to establish national independent human rights institution, in compliance with the Paris Principles.**

Thank you, Madame President.