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Statement of the Algerian Delegation on the UPR of Ukraine

Mme. President,

My delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ukraine and thanks H.E. Mr. Nazar Kulchytskyi, Government agent before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice, for his presentation on the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

We take note of the ongoing efforts in Ukraine to combat racism and racial discrimination, particularly the preparation of a comprehensive antidiscrimination legislation and we encourage speeding up its adoption and implementation.

We welcome the amendments of 2009 to the Criminal Code to include motivation by racial, ethnic or religious intolerance as an indicium of an offence.

However, we echo the concerns expressed by CERD regarding the growth of outreach activities by extremist organizations expanding their propaganda and using electronic social networks to address the youth.

Paragraph 22 of the national reports indicates that the number of women in leadership positions and the parliament remains low and that women's pay is lower than men's.

We recommend that Ukraine take appropriate measures aiming at increasing number of women in decision-making positions as well as addressing the issue of persisting wage gap between men and women.

The national report reflects the steps undertaken by Ukraine in the field of combating trafficking in persons. However, concerns were expressed regarding the implementation of the 2011 Law on Combating Human Trafficking.

We recommend that Ukraine continue its efforts aimed at fighting trafficking in persons, particularly children and women as well as to ensure compensation and rehabilitation for trafficking victims.

Thank you.