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Statement by Armenia

The Armenian delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Ukraine and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

We would like to commend a comprehensive and structural manner by which the national report guides us into achievements and challenges of the Ukrainian society.

We witness significant improvement of human rights agenda. First, we notice that Ukraine has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto amending a number of domestic laws in order to harmonize the terminology of domestic legislation with international standards.

We appreciate also the ratification of the European Convention on the Adoption of Children.

The development of national legislation and the notable amendments in the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, particularly in the field of racial discrimination is also noteworthy.

Armenia welcomes and encourages all measures taken by the government to implement the decision of the European Court of Human Rights.

Underlining the presence of one of the biggest Armenian community in Ukraine we emphasize the continuous attention paid by the government to them and we appreciate all measures taken for the protection of the rights of national minorities by focusing on its educational, religious and cultural needs.

We would like to make the following recommendation to Ukraine:

- to continue the promotion of the rights of national minorities, as well as governmental policy on combating discrimination.
- to continue full and effective implementation of the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights.