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Bangladesh intervention on the UPR of Ukraine

Thank you Madam President.

We welcome the delegation of Ukraine at its second cycle of review. My delegation appreciates the comprehensive and informative presentation of the national report of Ukraine.

Madam President, Ukraine has exhibited considerable progress in promoting and protecting the human rights of its people. We have particularly noted with appreciation the adoption of the Plan of Action to Combat Xenophobia and Racial and Ethnic Discrimination. We hope that the Plan of action will help in addressing and improving the situation with regard to racial discrimination and hatred.

However, treaty bodies like CRC and CERD has expressed concern at the increase in racially motivated offences and growth of outreach activities by extremist organizations. It is more alarming to note, as mentioned by the CERD, that such activities are expanding by using electronic social networks to address the youth.

Madam President, we are pleased to note also that the government has taken some legal and campaigning measures to promote and protect women's rights. Nonetheless, there remains areas that needs to be addressed further. We share the concern of CEDAW about traditional stereotypes regarding the roles and responsibilities of women and men in the family and in society and about sexist representation of women in media and advertisements. CEDAW has also expressed concern at the high level of poverty affecting women disproportionately.

In view of the above, we have three recommendations for consideration of the delegation of Ukraine:

1. In line with the recommendation made by CEDAW, we recommended that Ukraine implement temporary special measures, including quotas, to achieve gender equality in areas where women are underrepresented or disadvantaged and for women suffering from multiple discrimination, such as Roma women;
2. In line with the observation made by CERD, we recommend that Ukraine ensure proper investigation of hate crimes and cease racial or ethnic profiling. and
3. We recommend that Ukraine, use a gender-sensitive approach in all poverty alleviation programmes.