

**UPR WORKING GROUP – FOURTEENTH SESSION
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**UPR OF UKRAINE – INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE
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INTERVENTION BY INDIA

President,

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of Ukraine led by Mr. Nazar Kulchytski and thank them for the National Report and its presentation. India commends the initiatives taken by the Government of Ukraine in its pursuit of the promotion and protection of the human rights of its citizens.

2. We welcome the ratification by Ukraine of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol and Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

3. India appreciates the corpus of laws and regulations introduced by Ukraine to ensure the rights of children. The establishment of Children's Ombudsman in 2011 and amendments to education legislation in 2010 are indeed steps in the right direction. We urge Ukraine to ensure effective implementation of the National Plan of Action for Children (2010-2016) and to allocate sufficient funding for its implementation.

4. With regard to national legislation for the realisation of human and civil rights and freedoms, we would like to request the delegation of Ukraine to throw some light on the prospects for adoption of the Bill on Anti-Discrimination.

5. We wish Ukraine the very best in their endeavour to improve human rights situation in their country.

Thank you, Madam President.