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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
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Thank you, Madam President,

Kazakhstan's delegation welcomes distinguished delegation of Ukraine headed by H.E. Mr. Nazar Kulchytsky, Government Agent before European Court of Human Rights.

We thank His Excellency for a comprehensive presentation. My delegation commends achievements and efforts of the Government of Ukraine in protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms of its citizens.

Our delegation recognizes Ukraine's strong commitments to human rights protection and promotion and welcomes recent ratification by Ukraine of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.

It is worth mentioning that the country has ratified the core international legal human rights treaties and other international instruments during the last four years.

Kazakhstan appreciates the Ukrainian Government's efforts in securing and maintaining rights of ethnic minorities, including the Kazakh Diaspora which enjoys free access to all the benefits the other nationalities have.

Concerning the National Report our delegation would like to stress on several recommendations to the Government of Ukraine:

1. To devote more efforts in the field of harmonizing gender equality for guaranteeing their equal rights and opportunities when being in both the legislative and executive branches;
2. To efficiently implement recently ratified international conventions, especially in the field of child rights;
3. To pay due attention to the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on Torture.

In conclusion our delegation wishes to underline that the governmental participation in the process of proper realization of the human rights to participate in environmental decision-making is of equal importance and should be considered in due course by the Government of Ukraine in near future.

Thank you.