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Mr. President,

Ukraine warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Serbia to the 15th session of the UPR Working Group. We thank Serbia for the work in preparing the 2nd National Report, drafted with participation of civil society, and for its comprehensive presentation.

We commend the Government of Serbia for its adherence to the UPR process and for the efforts undertaken to implement recommendations accepted during the first cycle.

Welcoming the anti-corruption initiatives taken by the Government of Serbia, we will appreciate receiving information on the intended time for the adoption of the new National Anti-Corruption Strategy, elaboration of which started in June 2011.

Ukraine takes positive note of Serbia's efforts to fight domestic violence, reflected in the Report, and would like to encourage the Government of Serbia to take further measures to punish perpetrators of violence against women and children and to combat stereotypes regarding women in society.

In view of the above we would like to make the following recommendations:

- Ensure that men and women are treated equally, including equal pay for equal work;
- Consider establishing a national organ to monitor implementation of the recommendations of UN human rights mechanisms.

Thank you, Mr. President.