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Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Germany at the 16th session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for presentation of the National report that reflects efforts taken by the Government of Germany to implement recommendations accepted during the first UPR cycle.

Ukraine welcomes establishment of new independent human rights institutions during the reporting period, in particular a national prevention mechanism. Since the Mechanism (NPM) consists of two institutions, we would appreciate to hear on their interaction in the framework of the NPM activity and impact of such NPM structure on its efficiency as a whole.

Ukraine commends various measures taken by the Federal Government to combat racism and xenophobia on the basis of the National Action Plan against racism. At the same time we wish to recommend Germany to continue undertaking measures to increase the effectiveness of its legislation and to invest all allegations of racially-motivated violations of human rights for bringing those responsible to account.

Thank you, Mr. President.