

**Human Rights Council
18th session of the UPR Working Group
Review of Vanuatu
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Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu and thanks for the presentation of the National report that demonstrates Vanuatu's adherence to the UPR process.

We commend efforts taken by the Government of Vanuatu to implement recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the Review and positively note the establishment of the overarching National Human Rights Committee, elaboration of the National Women's Development and Gender Policy, as well as Government's commitment to improving the delivery of social services.

Ukraine offers to the Government of Vanuatu 3 recommendations:

- 1) to take further measures in combating gender-based violence, domestic violence, ill-treatment and abuse of children including sexual abuse;
- 2) to continue taking steps to ensure that births of all children are registered;
- 3) to reinforce efforts addressing high level of adult illiteracy and low rate of girl's enrolment in secondary and higher levels of education.

We would appreciate hearing on the Vanuatu's agenda to join core international human rights mechanisms.

Thank you, Mr. President.

