

**Human Rights Council
19th session of the UPR Working Group
Review of Brunei Darussalam
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Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

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

We positively note efforts undertaken by the Government of Brunei Darussalam to implement recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the Review and acknowledge important steps made towards protecting cultural rights, particularly through the ratification of the relevant UNESCO Conventions.

With regard to recently gazetted the Syariah Penal Code Order, applicable to both Muslims and non-Muslims, we are interested to know which types of offences are envisaged to be applied to non-Muslims, in particular foreigners visiting the country.

Ukraine offers to Brunei Darussalam following recommendations:

- to consider issuing a standing invitation to the UN special procedures;
- to take further measures aimed at ensuring the right to education for all and promote human rights education and training.

My delegation would also appreciate hearing on plans of the Government of Brunei Darussalam regarding accession to core international human rights treaties.

Thank you, Mr. President.