

**Human Rights Council  
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Review of Costa Rica  
May 5, 2014  
Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica and thanks for presentation of the National report prepared in consultations with civil society.

We wish to commend the Government of Costa Rica for its efforts to promote and protect human rights, ensure rule of law and its compliance with the international human rights standards, in particular:

- transparent and democratic election process in the country;
- the establishment of the Inter-Institutional Commission on Follow-Up to and Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations;
- enacting the Act against the Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons;
- progressive efforts in eliminating criminal defamation;
- the amendment of the 2009 Electoral Code;
- progress made in addressing the phenomenon of migration and the adoption of the Immigration Act and the Refugee Regulations;
- adopting a human rights-based approach to protecting the environment.

My delegation encourages the Government of Costa Rica to maintain further activity to ensure effective promotion and protection of the rights of the child, in particular related to child labor.

Ukraine recommends to Costa Rica to continue efforts aimed at harmonization of legislation and public policies with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**

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