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Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Norway at the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for presentation of the National report prepared in consultations with civil society.

We wish to commend establishment of an inter-ministerial coordination group aimed at strengthening implementation of the recommendations accepted by Norway during the first Review cycle and at improving reporting to human rights monitoring mechanisms.

The Ukrainian delegation acknowledges important efforts made by Norway in the human rights sphere nationally and internationally including active stance in this Council and consistent support of the OHCHR activities.

Ukraine offers to the Government of Norway following recommendations:

- 1) consider the possibility of speeding up the process of establishing new National Human Rights Institution in full compliance with the Paris Principles;
- 2) continue efforts aimed at countering gender stereotypes and discriminative attitudes as well as at further promotion of gender equality.

Thank you, Mr. President.