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Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of San Marino and thanks for presentation of the national report reflecting efforts taken by the Government of San Marino to implement recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

We commend San Marino's adherence to the UPR process and note with appreciation ratification since last review of a number of important international human rights mechanisms as well as adjustment of domestic legislation to relevant international norms.

Ukraine appreciates the progress made by San Marino in promotion and protection of human rights of its citizens, in particular, protection of the rights of women and ensuring gender equality. We recognize increased women's representation in the national Parliament and encourage San Marino to make further steps in empowering women with a view to abolish women's underrepresentation in the Government, especially on ministerial positions.

Our delegation welcomes positive efforts undertaken by San Marino in protection of freedom of expression, particularly, start of parliamentary procedure on a new draft law on publishing and the profession of media operators, which, we hope, will encompass corresponding international standards and be adopted soon.

To conclude, Mr. President, Ukraine wishes San Marino all the success in its second review and in the efforts towards promoting and protecting of all human rights.

Thank you.