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Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Spain and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We commend efforts taken to implement the first UPR cycle recommendations, in particular the Government of Spain's endeavors aiming at improvement of the institutional framework in the fields of human trafficking, hate crime and discrimination as well as in the legislative framework, namely reform of the Criminal Code of 2010, adoption of the Strategic Plan for Equality of Opportunity 2014-2016 and relevant Plans.

We recommend to the Government of Spain:

- to continue efforts aimed at promoting rights of children, in particular migrant children and victims of sexual violence and abuse,
- to adopt a new bill amending the Criminal Code on the issues of gender-based violence, human trafficking, sexual exploitation and forced marriage.

Recognizing crucial importance of prevention of human rights violations, we would also like to encourage the Government of Spain to reinforce its efforts in finalizing consideration of the Child Protection Bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.