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Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Sweden at the 21st session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for presentation of the National report prepared in open consultations with civil society organizations.

We would like to commend Sweden's strong stand for human rights protection being realized nationally, in particular, through related national action plans and internationally – via cooperation with relevant human rights mechanisms and institutions including the OHCHR consistently supported by the Government of Sweden, as well as active stance of the Swedish delegation in this Council.

While acknowledging important efforts made by Sweden in the human rights sphere, Ukraine offers the Government of Sweden following recommendations:

- 1) consider establishing a National Human Rights Institution in full compliance with the Paris Principles;
- 2) continue efforts aimed at ensuring protection of rights of persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities who require a high level of support, including through allocation of necessary financial resources.

We wish the delegation of Sweden a successful review session and further progress in promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.