

**Human Rights Council
22nd session of the UPR Working Group
Review of Bulgaria
7 May 2015
Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

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

We commend efforts taken by the Government of Bulgaria to implement recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the Review and positively note:

- measures undertaken to promote rights of persons belonging to minorities;
- signing and ratification of the number of important international human rights instruments;
- adoption of the National Integration Strategy for Individuals Granted International Protection in Bulgaria and key strategic documents aiming at reducing the number of people living in poverty.

Ukraine would like to recommend to the Government of Bulgaria:

- to continue efforts aimed at promoting rights of children, women, migrants and national minorities;
- to ensure effective functioning of the Ombudsman and the Commission for Protection against Discrimination.

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

Thank you, Mr. President.