

**Human Rights Council
22nd session of the UPR Working Group
Review of Maldives
May 6, 2015
Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Maldives and thanks for presentation of the National report that demonstrates the country's adherence to the UPR process.

We commend implementation of recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the Review and positively note in this regard efforts taken to ensure gender equality, in particular removal by Parliament of the gender bar on running for presidency and the enactment of the Anti-Domestic Violence Act.

While noting positive steps made in addressing numerous migration challenges including adoption of the anti-trafficking law in 2013, Ukraine recommends the Government of Maldives to take further measures for ensuring proper protection of rights of migrants including migrant workers.

We acknowledge Maldives' long-lasting cessation of the capital punishment and recommend to continue retaining its moratorium on the use of the death penalty.

Ukraine welcomes active stance of Maldives in this Council and encourages the Maldivian delegation to continue in the same vein, in particular in the sphere of prevention of human rights violations.

Thank you, Mr. President.