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Review of Mauritania
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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the recent progress of Mauritanian Government in strengthening various aspects of human rights in the country, including anti-corruption efforts, poverty eradication with the support of donors, repatriation of refugees, significant steps in improving health situation and in guaranteeing effective enjoyment of the right to education, among others.

However, Mauritania is still facing a number of significant burdens on its way to build thoroughly constitutional state, in particular in terms of the eradication of contemporary forms of slavery, ending the discrimination against the "Haratins", elimination of violence against women and abolition of torture.

Ukraine would like to make the following recommendations: In order to overcome the existing challenges, Mauritania should continue its close cooperation with the UN and NGOs, arrange the enactment of the law on combating violence against women as well as develop the instruments of its implementation.

Thank you, Mr. President.