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**Review of Oman**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine would like to note significant progress the Sultanate of Oman has achieved in meeting the requirements of international legislation in the sphere of human rights.

Oman’s elaboration of a number of national strategies and national plans, including for the advancement of women, for childhood, for elderly persons, for healthcare, and to combat human trafficking, is also notable.

We welcome that, according to the report, Oman agreed, in principle, to accede to several core international human rights treaties and that the possibility of accession to several more is currently under thorough consideration.

**Ukraine would like to make the following recommendations**:

- as a country with strong social and national foundations, Oman should be encouraged to consider participating in solving the problems of refugees from Middle East region that are forced to seek asylum abroad. In this regard, elaboration of the national legislation on refugees could be advisable;

- adoption and implementation of the national legislation with the view of providing for public access to information including governmental information should also be encouraged.

Thank you, Mr. President.