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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Belgium at the 24th session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

Our delegation would like to commend the achievements of Belgium since the first UPR cycle, in particular the improvements to the national legislative framework, especially the ratification of such international human rights documents as the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the ILO Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Convention and many others.

In this context we would like to recommend the Government of Belgium to continue steps in this direction and to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

The Ukrainian delegation also acknowledges the importance of the efforts made by the Government of Belgium towards the implementation of other UPR recommendations. We wish to encourage further measures, in close cooperation with civil society, to facilitate the monitoring and realization process.

Thank you, Mr. President.