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Review of Estonia

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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

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

Our delegation would like to commend the achievements of the Government of Estonia since the first UPR cycle in 2011. In particular, it is worthy to mention:

- the reformation of the Penal Code;
- the approval of the new Strategy of Integration for the new programming period (2014-2020);
- the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol;
- the adoption of the Special Care Development Plan (2014-2020) aimed at providing equal opportunities for self-realization of people with special mental needs and developing high quality special care.

We praise the Government of Estonia for its positive attitude and attention to the social and cultural needs of national minorities in the country, including Ukrainian community, in particular for creating proper conditions for preserving their national identity.

Recognizing crucial importance of prevention of human rights violations, **we would like to encourage** the Government of Estonia to continue its efforts to become party to the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance as well as other key international documents aimed at promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.