

Human Rights Council
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Review of Latvia
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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Latvia 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 improvements to the legislative framework as well as the reforms of the national human rights institutions, aimed first of all at: elimination of all forms of discrimination; human rights education; combating hate crimes; the promotion of the rights of minorities and the improvement of the maternal and child health. These positive changes address many of the recommendations from the first UPR cycle in 2011.

Taking this opportunity we would like to welcome the successful presentation of the Latvia's national report during the 71st Session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Recognizing crucial importance of prevention of human rights violations, we would like to **recommend** the Government of Latvia to consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as well as other remaining key international human rights documents.

Thank you, Mr. President.