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**Review of Namibia**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine commends commitments of Namibia to implement its domestic and international obligations arising from the human rights treaties the country has ratified.

We acknowledge achievements of Namibia in promotion and protection of human rights as well as in development of its cooperation with international institutions.

Ukraine welcomes the positive changes in the national legislation with a view to promote and protect children's rights.

However, violence against children, poor standards of health facilities and health disparities in rural areas are still serious challenges for Namibia.

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

- to develop a comprehensive national strategy to prevent all forms of violence against children, with particular attention to its gender dimension;

- to fully implement and enforce laws on elimination of violence against children;

- to elaborate and enact the anti-trafficking legislation in line with international norms and standards;

- to intensify the efforts in fighting against HIV/AIDS, in particular, to improve access to health-care services in rural areas.

Thank you, Mr. President.