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Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Ireland and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

Our delegation would like to commend the transparent and inclusive way of preparation of the national report, first of all the wide engagement of civil society and interested stakeholders. The involvement of youth in the process of consultations is particularly encouraging.

It is worthy to mention the nationwide referendum held in 2013 that resulted in the establishment of a Court of Appeal.

Ukraine also wishes to commend the establishment of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission as well as the Workplace Relations Commission; the improving of a comprehensive programme of reforms; the implementation of several new policies and adoption of national strategies, especially the Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2016-2021.

The Ukrainian delegation acknowledges the significance of the efforts made by the Government of Ireland towards the implementation of other UPR recommendations.

We would like **to recommend** the Government of Ireland:

- to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- to ratify the Optional Protocol to CAT.

Thank you, Mr. President.