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Review of Swaziland

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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

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

We positively note the efforts made by the Government of Swaziland since the first UPR cycle, in particular the ratification of CRPD and its Optional Protocol as well as both Optional Protocols to CRC.

Government's undertakings in key national priorities in the areas of education, eradication of poverty and health deserve support.

However, many significant challenges remain including violence against children and women; poor standards of health facilities, especially in rural areas; excessive use of force against peaceful demonstrators, torture and other ill-treatment against arrested or detained persons by law enforcement officials.

We **wish to recommend** the Government of Swaziland:

- to ensure the compatibility of national legislation with the international human rights standards in order to guarantee freedom of assembly and association;

- to remove, in legislation and in practice, all restrictions preventing the full enjoyment of the freedom of expression as guaranteed under ICCPR and other international documents;

- to abrogate the domestic legislative and regulatory provisions that discriminate against women and children;

- to intensify efforts in fighting against HIV/AIDS.

Thank you, Mr. President.