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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Lithuania**

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**Intervention by Permanent Representative of Ukraine,**

**Ambassador Yurii Klymenko**

**Mr. President,**

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

We would like to commend the meaningful approach taken by Lithuania in the field of human rights, in particular setting out main human rights values in the Government programming documents. The high level of cooperation with the human rights mechanisms, the UN and European ones, should be positively noted.

It is important to mention the real and effective assistance provided by the Lithuanian Government to the national minorities of the State, including to the Ukrainian national minority.

A special appreciation should be extended to the Lithuanian side in regard to the efforts made in providing technical assistance on human rights issues in other countries as well as its financial contribution to the OHCHR.

Our **recommendations:**

**-** to establish an independent national human rights institution in full compliance with the Paris principles;

- to elaborate an operational framework of systematic and comprehensive assessment of progress achieved in human rights.

We would appreciate comments on the following **question**: How does the Republic of Lithuania respond to the threats of propaganda and hatred at the national level?

**Thank you.**