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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Syrian Arab Republic**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Since the people’s uprising in March 2011 against brutal atrocities and crimes of the Syrian regime, the issue of grave human rights situation in Syria has moved up to the top of the international agenda.

What we see in the Syrian National Report has nothing to do with the Syrian reality.

The Government hasn’t taken appropriate measures to protect human rights and ensure their application in practice. In conditions of ongoing armed conflict that caused over 300 thousand casualties and over 13 million people displaced, with indiscriminate killings and deliberate targeting of civilians, in violation of international humanitarian law, acts of violence that stir up sectarian tensions, the deterioration of the situation, especially in Aleppo, we call on the Syrian leadership to comply with the relevant commitments.

We urge the authorities and all parties to the conflict to allow immediate and sustained humanitarian access throughout Syria.

We **recommend** to the Government of Syria:

- to fully implement Geneva Communiqué 2012 and UNSCR 2254;

- to stop the aerial bombardments and the indiscriminate attacks against civilians;

- to allow the UN and other international organizations to access those in need, particularly in all besieged and hard-to-reach areas.

**Thank you.**