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**Review of Togo**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

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

We would like to commend Togo’s intention to strengthen its commitments in the field of human rights, as it was, in particular, underlined by the President of the Republic of Togo during the High-Level Segment of the 31st HRC session.

We welcome the steps of the Government of Togo undertaken for implementation of the Convention against Torture as well as the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We would also like to mark the achievements in the realization of the National Programme for the judicial system modernization; efforts made to strengthen the citizens’ guarantees in courts of law, to bring the courts closer to the citizens, and to implement regulation with regard to conditions of arrest, custody and detention.

We strongly believe that the Programme to support the justice sector funded by the European Union, alternative measures to imprisonment, make a part of shared consolidated efforts introducing and strengthening the culture of law.

We **recommend** to the Government of Togo to pay more attention to such issues as:

- fighting against extreme poverty;

- social and economic development programmes;

- right to food and general living conditions of the population;

- combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, communicable and non-communicable diseases and strengthening the pharmaceutical sector.

**Thank you.**