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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Ecuador**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

 **Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Ecuador and positively notes the adoption of a number of important acts of legislation covering wide range of human rights aspects.

We encourage Ecuador to continue efforts to:

- implement and update an information system to follow up on human rights mechanisms recommendations;

- combat racism and racial discrimination;

- ensure proper functioning of Ombudsman’s Office.

Ukraine would like to **recommend** to:

- further consolidate an environment suitable for the work of human rights defenders;

- adopt a comprehensive law against trafficking in persons;

- scale up the implementation of inclusive education policies with special attention to vulnerable groups;

- address social and cultural stereotypes underpinning discrimination and violence against women and ensure women’s participation in decision-making;

- intensify cooperation with the Special Rapporteurs including by allowing them to visit the country.

**Thank you.**