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**Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

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

Our delegation would like to commend the significant improvements to the national legislative framework provided by the adoption of laws and programmes for the protection of rights of children, vulnerable persons, persons with disabilities, prevention of human trafficking and combating violence against women.

It is worthy to mention the preparation of the second National Action Plan on Fundamental and Human Rights; the adoption of the non‑discrimination legislation; the adoption of the National Action Plan for the Prevention of Violent Radicalisation and Extremism, amendments to the Child Welfare Act, the new Social Welfare Act.

Ukraine also wishes to commend measures taken to prevent and combat violence against women, including the adopting of the Action Plan for Gender Equality for 2016-2019, amendments to the sexual offences legislation, developing of shelter services. This resonates well with the recommendation made by Ukraine during 2nd UPR cycle.

In terms of the work on ratifications of human rights treaties we would like **to recommend** finalizing efforts aimed at acceding to the ICPPED and thus the full recognition of the competence of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances.

**Thank you.**