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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of the Kingdom of Netherlands**

**May 10, 2017**

**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

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

We would like to welcome the continuous approach taken by the Netherlands with regard to the UPR process, including planning in advance of the consultations with relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the recommendations from the current review.

The national system of human rights monitoring is well elaborated and represents a reliable framework for ensuring their observance.

We commend the ratification by the Netherlands of CRPD, which was recommended during 2nd cycle by many including Ukraine and at that time only noted, as an evidence that the Netherlands has the strength and potential to go beyond its commitments.

Our recommendation:

* to ratify the Optional Protocol to ICESCR.

**Thank you.**