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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of the Philippines**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Philippines at the 27th session of the UPR Working Group.

While regretting that the National Report was not available prior to the session, we would like to positively note a number of achievements in implementing of the recommendations of 2nd UPR cycle, in particular, the improvements to the legislative framework:

- the adoption of the Children’s Emergency Protection and Relief Act;

- the adoption of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act;

- the accession to the OP to CAT.

We wish to encourage, while respecting its commitments to the international conventions, to take measures on improving the human rights situations, including in such spheres as criminal justice system, children’s rights and persons with disabilities.

We would like to **recommend:**

- to ensure the protection of rights of defenders, journalists and the political opposition;

- to abide by its obligations under the 2nd OP to the ICCPR.

**Thank you.**