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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the steps South Africa has undertaken in the sphere of human rights, including significant improvements in legislation.

We acknowledge the efforts of the authorities aimed at the stable development of the society.

Ukraine welcomes measures aimed at ensuring the right to education for all population groups. We positively note that South Africa was among the first countries to endorse the Safe Schools Declaration.

We commend steps taken by the Government to combat different forms of gender-based violence and discrimination, which remains a serious problem.

We **recommend**: to continue the improvement of the socio-economic development strategies and plans in order to avoid xenophobia and other forms of intolerance toward foreigners in South Africa.

**Thank you.**