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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**May 4, 2017**

**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the United Kingdom.

Against the background of many long-term and recent achievements of the UK in the human rights sphere we would like to highlight the 2015 adoption of the Modern Slavery Act as well as the ratification of the ILO Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention.

We would also like to welcome the UK’s decision to establish a new taskforce supported by relevant funds to accelerate progress in tackling slavery.

We commend the UK’s thorough approach in implementing recommendations from the previous UPR cycles, including on addressing the issue of gender pay gap with remarkable results.

Our recommendation:

* make sure that, in case the proposals for a British Bills of Rights are realized, the current level of human rights protection provided by the Human Rights Act of 1998 is maintained and improved.

**Thank you.**