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**Review of Colombia**

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**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

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**Mr. Vice-President,**

Ukraine welcomes the distinguished delegation of Colombia to the UPR process and commends the efforts of the Government of Colombia to implement recommendations accepted during the 3d UPR cycle.

We appreciate Colombia’s ongoing cooperation with the UN and other international bodies on the effective implementation of the Peace Agreement, and as well as the establishment of the legal framework for the State’s “total peace” policy, which affirmed the new human security-based focus.

To maintain the effort, Ukraine recommends to the Government of Colombia:

* to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
* to step up effort to strengthen protection of the most vulnerable groups of population, in particular, women and children affected by violence and implement a victim-centered approach.

Ukraine wishes Colombia a successful review.

**Thank you.**