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**45th session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of the Republic of Congo**

*(31 January 2024)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

 *(Speaking time: 1 min 20 sec.)*

**Thank you, Mr Vice President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Congo and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We commend the efforts taken by the Congo to reinforce the legislative and institutional frameworks, particularly by ratification of a number of important international human rights instruments.

However, we remain concerned over the reported allegations of arbitrary detentions, extrajudicial executions as well as the cases of torture and ill-treatment in places of detention committed with impunity.

Welcoming the Congo's expressed determination to improve human rights situation in the country, Ukraine encourages the Congo to fully implement recommendations of the previous and current UPR cycle and would like to **recommend**:

* to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
* to intensify efforts for investigation of all credible allegations of human rights abuses and violations, for convicting perpetrators and ensuring reparations for victims;
* to redouble efforts to increase access to health care, in particular in rural areas.

Ukraine wishes the Republic of Congo a successful review.

**I thank you.**