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**Intervention by Ukraine**

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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Dominican Republic and expresses its appreciation for the comprehensive report presented today. We commend country's commitment to the protection of human rights and its active role as a Member of the HRC.

We welcome the efforts made by the Government in combating discrimination against women through the implementation of the third National Plan for Gender Equality and Equity, covering the period 2020 – 2030 and the Ministry of Women's Affairs initiative "Gender Equality Seal for the Public and Private Sectors".

We also positively note the work of the Ombudsman's Office and call for ensuring its full independence in accordance with the principles relating to the status of national human rights institutions.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Ukraine would like to offer the following recommendations:

* Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
* Ratify the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.
* Consider revising legislation on the sale, exploitation and sexual abuse of children and on the system of protection and fundamental rights of children, bringing it in line with international standards.

Ukraine is grateful for Dominican Republic’s support and solidarity in the face of Russia’s ongoing aggression and wishes the delegation a successful review.

**I thank you.**