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**Intervention by Ukraine**

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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Ukraine extends a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of New Zealand and expresses its appreciation for the insightful report presented today.

We commend New Zealand for its transparency in addressing human rights challenges and for its resolute dedication to safeguarding human rights both within its borders and globally.

We particularly applaud the proactive measures taken by the New Zealand government, which include the repeal of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act of 1992, the progressive decriminalization of abortion through the Legislation Act of 2020, the establishment of the Ministry of Disabled People in 2022, and development of New Zealand’s first National Security Strategy in 2023.

We also acknowledge with appreciation New Zealand's implementation of prior recommendations from Ukraine, notably the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure (OP-CRC-IC).

In a spirit of constructive engagement, Ukraine encourages the Government of New Zealand to continue its commendable efforts and offers the following **recommendations:**

* to pursue efforts in ensuring the right to inclusive education for students with disabilities and students from indigenous communities;
* to develop a comprehensive housing strategy to assist in preventing and reducing homelessness.

Ukraine is confident that New Zealand’s commitment to these areas will further strengthen its robust human rights framework. We wish the delegation of New Zealand a successful and productive review.

**Thank you.**