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**Review of the Republic of North Macedonia**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

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**Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of North Macedonia to the UPR and thanks them for presenting their national report. We highly appreciate the country's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide, as exemplified by its strong stance against gross and systematic human rights violations committed by Russia in its ongoing aggression against Ukraine.

We recognize the importance of the steps taken by the Government of North Macedonia in strengthening legislative and policy measures for ensuring effective prevention and protection from violence against women and children and ensuring non-discrimination.

We also welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and the ongoing efforts to ensure the ratification of other important human rights treaties.

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

* Bring the Ombudsman’s Office fully into compliance with the Paris Principles.
* Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.
* Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

We wish the delegation of the Republic of North Macedonia a successful review.

**I thank you.**