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**Review of Yemen**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

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**Mr. President,**

Ukraine extends its thanks to the delegation of Yemen for presenting its national report.

We share Yemen’s concern about the severe impact of Russian aggression against Ukraine on both the economic and humanitarian landscapes of Yemen, which was reflected in the report, and strongly urge Russia to cease its actions that harm the people in developing countries.

Ukraine commends the progress made by Yemen since the previous UPR cycle and encourages its continued efforts in upholding human rights commitments. Furthermore, we recommend the following steps:

* To ratify the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;
* To ensure women’s representation at all levels of the political process and take effective measures to protect women against gender-based and sexual violence;
* To complete procedures for the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Protocol to the Convention against Torture;
* To accelerate the adoption of the draft law establishing an independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.

We wish Yemen a successful review.

**I thank you.**