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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Costa Rica**

*(11 November 2024)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 min. 15 sec.)*

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Costa Rica and thank them for the presentation of their national report while positively noting the meaningful progress made in advancing human rights protection since the previous UPR cycle.

 We greatly appreciate Costa Rica’s commitment to human rights, as exemplified by its active membership in the HRC in recent years and its dedication to strengthening institutional and legislative framework on human rights protection at home.

 We commend Costa Rica’s implementation of policies and strategies that address multiple and interrelated forms of discrimination affecting women, children, older persons, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples and migrants.

 In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we offer the following recommendations to support Costa Rica’s efforts:

* **expand access to healthcare services,** with particular focus on mental health and reproductive health rights, ensuring that essential health services are accessible to all without discrimination;
* **advance the National Action Plan on inclusive education** to ensure equal educational opportunities for all members of society;
* **to** enforce measures to prevent pollution, particularly in indigenous territories, and promote sustainable practices that preserve natural resources.

Ukraine wishes Costa Rica every success in this UPR cycle.

**Thank you.**