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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Ghana and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We would like to commend the achievements of the Government of Ghana since the second UPR cycle, in particular:

- the preparation of the draft roadmap for the implementation of recommendations and establishing relevant standing coordinating body;

- the progress made in gender policy;

- ratification of the international conventions aimed at protection of the rights of children.

Ukraine also congratulates Ghana on the successful Presidential elections, peacefully held in 2016.

Positively assessing Ghana's efforts in the field of ensuring human rights we appeal to its international partners to continue providing joint support for these endeavours and **recommend** to the Government of Ghana:

- to finalize the decision on abolishing the death penalty by holding a referendum;

- to intensify efforts on developing a National Human Rights Action Plan;

- to intensify its response to the spread of HIV infection by implementing the new National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan for 2016-2020.

**Thank you.**