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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Peru and thanks for the presentation of the National report that demonstrates the country’s adherence to the UPR process. We congratulate Peru on its election as a Member of the Human Rights Council for 2018-2020 and look forward to fruitful cooperation within the Council.

We commend the strong commitment of the Government of Peru to the protection and promotion of human rights and positively note the efforts taken to improve the institutional and legislative framework for human rights. Among them are: the ratification of a number of international treaties, designation of the Office of Ombudsman as the National Preventive Mechanism as well as the adoption of a new version of the National Human Rights Plan along with several action plans in related areas.

While recognizing progress achieved since the second UPR cycle, we would like to **recommend** to the Government of Peru:

- to ratify the Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on abolishing the death penalty;

- to intensify efforts aimed at promoting rights of children, in particular, indigenous children, in terms of access to education and health care;

- to adopt effective legislative measures to guarantee protection of human rights defenders;

- to take further steps in combating gender-based violence, domestic violence, including sexual abuse, against women and girls.

**Thank you.**