**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Australia**

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**Intervention by Permanent Representative of Ukraine**

**Ambassador Yurii Klymenko**

 **Madam President,**

 Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Australia and thanks for presentation of the National report prepared in consultations with civil society.

We recognize Australia’s commitments to human rights protection and promotion globally, including its active stance in the Human Rights Council, and commend efforts taken by the Government of Australia to implement recommendations accepted during the previous UPR cycles, in particular, ratification by Australia of the OPCAT as well as adoption of several plans and strategies to eliminate discrimination against women, indigenous people and children as well as to combat family and domestic violence.

Ukraine recommends:

- to expedite the process of the creation of the NPM in accordance with OPCAT;

- to ratify ICPPED and OP to the CRC on communications procedure.

We wish the delegation of Australia a successful review.

 **I thank you.**