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**Review of Georgia**

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**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Georgia and thanks for the presentation of its National Report.

We commend Georgia for its tangible achievements across the whole spectrum of human rights, particularly continuous strengthening of institutional framework, introduction of new legislation and effective implementation of policies in the fields of anti-discrimination, gender equality, business and human rights, social protection and others.

It is unfortunate that Georgia's successes sharply contrast with the situation on its territories occupied by Russia, where gross violations of human rights have become a norm.

In this context, we would like to present the following recommendations:

- to continue engaging international community in protection of human rights in the occupied regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia against the violations being committed by the Russian occupation regime;

- to consider the possibility of ratifying the CED;

- to build on success in improving the standards of living of Georgian population by particularly focusing on vulnerable groups.

**Thank you.**