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**Review of Solomon Islands**

**Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine**

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**Mme. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Solomon Islands.

We positively note the steps taken by the government to promote and protect human rights, in particular the establishment of the Anti-Human Trafficking Advisory Committee in the country.

Ukraine offers the following recommendations to Solomon Islands:

* to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
* to issue an open invitation to all UN Human Rights Council Special Procedures;
* to establish an independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles;
* to strengthen efforts in preventing gender-based violence, including through continuous training for police officers;
* to take measures to reduce infant and child mortality;
* to adopt a human rights-based approach to disability and to set up a comprehensive strategy for the inclusion of children with disabilities.

We wish Solomon Islands a successful review.

**I thank you.**