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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Madame President,**

Ukraine thanks Estonia for the presentation of its National Report.

We wish to compliment Estonia for its comprehensive and innovative human rights policy and its success in reaching national objectives in this field. In terms of achievements since the last reporting cycle, we note the establishment of the national human rights institution, ratification of a whole range of international human rights instruments, expansion of voting rights, advances in countering discrimination, protecting minorities, ensuring gender equality, social protection and respect for rights of vulnerable groups.

With a view of supporting Estonia's human rights policy Ukraine recommends:

* to further strengthen the independence of the NHRI with the aim of ensuring its highest accreditation status;
* to constructively finalize consideration of the possible accession to the CED;
* to ensure successful implementation of the newly launched pension reform;
* to continue promotion of worldwide remembrance for victims of crimes against human rights by the Nazi and Soviet Communist totalitarian regimes.

**Thank you.**