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Review of Mozambique

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Intervention by Ukraine

Madam President,

Ukraine thanks Mozambique for the presentation of its National report and welcomes the adoption of a number of legislative instruments, policies and initiatives since the previous UPR cycle. We positively note the revision of the Penal Code and the adoption of the Code on the Execution of Sentences.

Ukraine wishes Mozambique success in achieving set out goals on poverty alleviation, combating corruption in the public sector, as well as ensuring access to health care services.

We recommend to:

* ratify the ICESCR, the ICPPED, the Convention against Discrimination in Education, the OP to the CRC on a communication procedure;
* continue to strengthen measures aimed at eliminating discrimination against women and tackling gender-based violence, to eradicate harmful practices, in particular FGM, forced and early marriage, polygamy and others;
* adopt a comprehensive national strategy and action plan on business and human rights;
* undertake further measures to protect vulnerable groups of population, in particular women, persons with disabilities and albinism, children, older persons;
* create measures to safeguard civic space, including through investigations of all reported attacks on human rights defenders and the press.

Thank you.