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Review of Seychelles

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Intervention by Ukraine

Madam President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Seychelles and thanks it for presenting the national report.

We positively note efforts of Seychelles to tackle human rights challenges by adopting new legislation and amendments to the existing policies. We welcome Seychelles’s willingness to fulfil its own pledges and implement recommendations on the protection of the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities.

At the same time, we encourage Seychelles to continue with further progress and recommend to:

- ratify the OP to the CAT; the OP to the CRC on a communications procedure; the OP to the CRPD; the OP to the ICESCR;

- adopt an updated national action plan to address trafficking in persons, especially trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation; establish comprehensive shelters or care facilities available for victims of trafficking in persons and provide sufficient resources for victim assistance;

- explicitly proscribe in national legislation any form of discrimination in education;

- create effective mechanism to prevent gender-based violence;

- strengthen the institutional structures and mechanisms to protect children from economic exploitation, including the worst forms of child labour.

We wish Seychelles a successful review.

I thank you.