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**Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine**

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**Mr. President,**

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

In terms of advances since the last reporting cycle Ukraine notes ratification of the CRPD, submission of overdue reports to the UN treaty bodies, attention paid to human rights education, tangible progress in poverty alleviation.

Still, important problems remain and in view of addressing these Ukraine presents the following **recommendations**:

* to consider ratification of the core human rights instruments to which Tajikistan is not yet a party;
* to duly address allegations of systemic persecution against opposition figures, journalists, lawyers and human rights defenders;
* to proactively strengthen democracy by improving credibility of electoral process and lifting restrictions on exercise of fundamental freedoms;
* to speed up the adoption of national human rights strategy;
* to introduce comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and legal framework;
* to consider issuing standing invitation to all HRC special procedures.

**Thank you.**