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**Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine**

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**Mme. President,**

Ukraine thanks the delegation of Papua New Guinea for the presentation of the national report.

Ukraine welcomes the positive steps taken by the Papua New Guinean government to implement the recommendations it committed to at the last UPR session in 2016.

Ukraine would like to **recommend** to the Government of Papua New Guinea:

* to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment, the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture, and the two optional protocols on the Convention of the Rights of the Child;
* to establish an independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles;
* to issue an open invitation to all UN Human Rights Council Special Procedures;
* to enforce measures provided by the Family Protection Act to tackle sexual and physical violence against women;
* to strengthen measures to end child marriages.

Ukraine wishes Papua New Guinea success with the follow-up of all recommendations it receives during this UPR cycle.

**I thank you.**