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**Review of Samoa**

**Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine**

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**Mme. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Samoa and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Ukraine positively notes the progress achieved by the Samoan government to implement the recommendations it committed to at the last UPR session. We welcome the ratification of several core international human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which were both recommended by Ukraine during the previous review.

Ukraine offers the following recommendations to Samoa:

* to accede to the remaining core human rights treaties, including the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and incorporate these into domestic law;
* to submit overdue reports to the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Enforced Disappearance;
* to develop comprehensive legislation on gender-based violence against women;
* to address gender inequality by removing cultural, economic, institutional, or other barriers preventing women from enjoying equal opportunities.

We wish Samoa a successful review.

**I thank you.**