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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Madame President,**

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

We wish to commend Lithuania for its strong record of protection of human rights in line with the highest international standards as well as for progress achieved since the last reporting cycle.

Among the many achievements we wish to note the strengthening of independence of the national human rights institution, strong record of ratification of core human rights instruments, successful implementation of comprehensive policies in the fields of protection of women, children, persons with disabilities and minorities.

With a view of supporting Lithuania in its further human rights activities Ukraine recommends:

1. To continue efforts aimed at ensuring sufficient funding for human rights institutions;
2. To successfully finalize implementation of the Action Plan for 2020– 2022 for combating trafficking in human beings;
3. To continue upholding high level of representation of women in positions of political power and leadership.

**Thank you.**