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**Human Rights Council**

**40th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Iceland**

**January 25, 2022**

**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mister President,**

Ukraine welcomes Iceland’s engagement with the UPR and thanks for the presentation of its National Report.

We wish to compliment Iceland on the progress made since the previous UPR cycle and the comprehensive approach taken to reach national objectives in the field of human rights. We positively note ratification of a range of international human rights instruments, advancement of gender equality, including a new comprehensive law on Equal Status and Equal Rights Irrespective of Gender, and the work done on a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation.

With a view of supporting Iceland’s progress Ukraine recommends:

* to expedite the establishment of an independent national human rights institution, in accordance with the Paris Principle;
* to ensure successful realization of Child Friendly Iceland policy and action plan, aiming at implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We wish Iceland a successful review.

**Thank you.**