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**Review of Tunisia**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Speaking time - 1 min**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of Tunisia headed by H.E Ms. Najla Bouden Romdhane. We commend the steps made to implement the recommendations received during the previous cycle, including those received from my country, and the overall progress achieved in the protection and promotion of human rights.

Establishment of the National Authority for the Prevention of Torture, adoption of the legislation to combat violence against women as well as to eliminate of all forms of discrimination are important milestones. We encourage Tunisia to continue the efforts to implement programs and policies outlined in the legislation.

Ukraine also positively notes Tunisia’s cooperation with the OHCHR and Special Procedures of this Council.

We recommend that Tunisia:

1. Ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
2. Ensures that national laws comply with Tunisia’s international human rights obligations.
3. Enforces existing criminal prohibition of corporal punishment of children.

We wish the delegation of Tunisia a successful review.

**I thank you.**