**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Kingdom and thanks it for the presentation of its National Report.

We acknowledge UK’s important contribution as an active member of the UN Human Rights Council.

We commend the recent ratification of the Istanbul Convention and the release of complementary strategies aimed at strengthening the protection for victims of abuse and ensuring the prosecution of perpetrators.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we encourage the UK to continue with further progress and would like to **recommend**:

* to ensure that any modifications to the human rights legislation do not adversely affect the current level of the protection of human rights provided by the Human Rights Act of 1998;
* to take further steps towards the incorporation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into domestic law;
* to consider the ratification of the Optional Protocol on CRC on a communications procedure.

We wish the UK delegation a successful review.

**I thank you**