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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of India**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr President,**

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

We welcome the adoption of a multipronged strategy for poverty alleviation and operationalizing holistic measurement of poverty by developing national multidimensional poverty index.

Regrettably, the problem of the use of the death penalty is still relevant as it appeared to be used in the lower courts.

We encourage India to continue with further work and would like to **recommend**:

* to review and make the amendments to all restrictive laws so it conforms with international law and its standards;
* to take concrete measures to guarantee the freedom for journalists and their protection from persecution and intimidation;
* to redouble the efforts to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
* to restrict the imposition of the death penalty to the “most serious crimes”, interpreted as intentional killing, and adopt a moratorium on executions, with a view to abolish the death penalty;

Ukraine wishes India a successful review.

**I thank you.**