**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of the Philippines**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mrs Vice-President,**

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

Ukraine positively notes the efforts of the Philippines to eradicate discrimination, especially violence against women by implementation of the National Advocacy and Communication Strategic Plan, as well as the engagement of the country in protecting the environment by adopting the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change and National Climate Change Action Plan.

We also encourage the Philippines to undertake important steps to strengthen its judicial system and human rights protection mechanisms and to further build on these achievements, we **recommend**:

* to intensify efforts towards ratification of the outstanding human rights treaties;
* take steps to implement a comprehensive victim-centric and human rights-based approach to the drug problem.

We wish the Philippines a successful review.

**I thank you.**