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**Human Rights Council**

**41st session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Poland**

*(15 November 2022)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr Vice President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of Poland led by Under Secretary of State H.E. Mr Pawel Jablonski and acknowledges Poland’s substantive contribution as an active member of the Human Rights Council.

Like many delegations today, Ukraine highly commends Poland’s true commitment to human rights protection which is best exemplified by Poland’s generous hosting of millions of Ukrainians, who had to flee from Russia’s war.

We acknowledge the steps undertaken by the Polish Government in ensuring implementation of major international human rights instruments, increased development assistance, ongoing judicial reforms and putting into action Strategy for Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 and other national human rights policy instruments.

We would like to **recommend Poland**:

* to consider the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
* to ensure that newly adopted National Action Plan for Equal Treatment 2022-2030 is fully implemented to further strengthen equal opportunities and rights for all citizens and groups.

Finally, we strongly reject the attempts by russia, who was suspended from the Human Rights Council for gross and systematic violations of human rights resulting from its aggression against Ukraine, to abuse the Council and the UPR process by promoting total lies and false narratives for political purposes an propaganda.

We support Poland’s intention not to take any recommendations from this terrorist state and wish the delegation of Poland a successful completion of the review.

**I thank you.**