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**Review of the Kingdom of Netherlands**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Thank you,** **Mr. President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Netherlands and thanks for the presentation of its National Report.

We commend the country’s commitments to human rights protection worldwide and its important contribution as an active member of the Human Rights Council. We greatly value Netherland’s granting protection to the Ukrainians who had to flee their homes due to Russia’s aggression.

We acknowledge the importance of the steps taken by the Government to combat discrimination, hate speech, domestic violence, sexual harassment and trafficking in human beings.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we encourage the Netherlands to continue with further progress and would like to offer following **recommendations**:

* to make full use in practice of newly created mechanisms against discrimination and racism such as National Coordinator and the National Advisory Commission;
* to intensify efforts towards ratification of the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

We wish the delegation of the Netherlands a very successful review.

**I thank you.**