**41st session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of South Africa**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of South Africa and thanks for the presentation of its national report. Ukraine also wishes to congratulate South Africa on the selection to the Human Rights Council.

Ukraine notes the developments in South Africa since the last review in terms of the legislative, policy and administrative measures to improve the enjoyment of human rights. We positively note the adoption of the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and encourage South Africa to take further steps for its implementation.

In the spirit of positive engagement, we **recommend** South Africa to make further progress and:

* to continue effective implementation of the 2019 National Action Plan to Combat Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerances;
* to ratify the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on a communications procedure.

We wish South Africa every success in this review and implementation of received recommendations.

**I thank you.**