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**42nd session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Gabon**

*(24 January 2023)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 min. 10 sec.)*

**Mr Vice President,**

Tout d’abord, permettez-moi d’exprimer nos profondes condoléances suite du décès brutal de S.E. Monsieur Michael MOUSSA ADAMO, Ministre des Affaires Étrangères de la République Gabonaise.

Ukraine welcomes the delegations of Gabon and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We welcome the commitment of Gabon to promotion of gender equality and improvement of the status of women, particularly as a newly elected member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

We encourage Gabon to continue its further work and would like to **recommend**:

* to accede to the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness;
* to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
* to strengthen measures aimed at eradication of all forms of discrimination against women;
* to redouble the efforts to combat all forms of human trafficking.

We wish the Republic of Gabon a successful review.

**I thank you.**