Check against delivery

**Human Rights Council**

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

**Review of the Republic of Korea**

*(26 January 2023)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 min. 15 sec.)*

**Mr President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea and thanks for the presentation of its national report. We commend the Republic of Korea’s commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and its efforts to fulfil its obligations under the core international human rights treaties and to cooperate with the human rights mechanisms.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we would like to **recommend**the Republic of Korea:

* to take further steps to complete the procedure of ratification of
the International Convention for the Protection of all persons from Enforced Disappearance;
* to take further steps towards reducing gender inequality, including by increasing women’s participation in the judiciary and law enforcement, political and public life, and in the private sector;
* to strengthen efforts to combat all forms of discrimination by adopting a comprehensive legislation framework.

Ukraine wishes the Republic of Korea a very successful Universal Periodic Review.

**I thank you.**