**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Switzerland**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Thank you,** **Mr. Vice-President,**

L’Ukraine salue chaleureusement la délégation Suisse dirigée par Son Excellence Madame Livia Leu, la secrétaire d’État, et remercie la Suisse pour la présentation de sa rapport nationale.

We highly value Switzerland’s strong commitment to human rights protection, well-illustrated by its generous hosting of Ukrainians, who had to flee from Russia’s war against Ukraine, and its important hosting role for the considerable international human rights and humanitarian community.

We positively note the steps taken by the Government towards the implementation of the previous UPR recommendations in order to ensure proper observance of human rights for all citizens and groups and welcome country’s engagement in criminalising torture and establishing a National Human Rights Institution.

In the spirit of constructive engagement Ukraine **recommends** to Switzerland:

* to make full use in practice of the capacities of a newly created National Human Rights Institution;
* to continue the legislative process aimed at introducing the offense of torture into the Criminal Code.

 We wish the delegation of Switzerland a very successful review.

**I thank you.**