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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Pakistan**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 55 sec.)*

**Mr President,**

Ukraine positively notes a progress made since the previous UPR cycle, aknowledges Pakistan’s active role in the HRC and welcomes the launching the National Gender Policy Framework by the Government of Pakistan in 2022.

Ukraine encourages Pakistan to continue to implement its commitments on the protection of human rights and **recommends** to take the following steps:

* ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and incorporate them into domestic law;
* take concrete measures to prevent and combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women and children by means of reinforcing the relevant legal framework, running awareness campaigns and ensuring that perpetrators are brought to justice;
* accede the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons, the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and take all steps necessary to implement them.

**I thank you.**