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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Tonga**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Tonga headed by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Tourism, Honorable Fekitamoeloa Utoikamanu and the country’s adherence to the Review process.

We note positive steps made by the country in addressing discrimination against women, and continued efforts to increase the participation of women at all levels of social, political and economic decision-making in government, and make gender-responsive legislative changes.

In addition, it is essential to continue work on the strengthening of the legal framework in the child protection sector.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Ukraine would like to recommend Tonga:

* to consider ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
* to consider ratifying the Optional Protocols on: the involvement of children in armed conflict; the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and a communications procedure.

We wish Tonga a successful UPR.

**Thank you.**