**Human Rights Council**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 min. 25 sec.)*

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

Ukraine warmly welcomes the State Secretary Mr Traian Hristea and thanks the delegation of Romania for the presentation of its national report. We highly commend the country’s commitment to human rights promotion and protection and acknowledge the importance of the steps taken by the Government of Romania on the legislative level towards the implementation of the UPR Working Group recommendations.

We note with gratitude Romania’s policy towards the Ukrainians who had to flee from Russian military aggression and received temporary protection in Romania, along with access to the labor market, health care, social support and education.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Ukraine would like to offer the following **recommendations**:

* to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
* to strengthen protection of victims of trafficking and criminal justice response to human trafficking;
* establish a clear and predictable statelessness determination procedure that guarantees basic procedural rights and safeguards.

We wish Romania a very successful review.

**I thank you.**