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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Barbados**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 min. 30 sec.)*

**Madam Vice-President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of Barbados led by Foreign Minister, Honourable Kerrie Symmonds, and thanks for presenting the country’s report.

We positively note the progress achieved by Barbados implementing the recommendations it committed to at the last UPR session and its strong support for the
UN Charter.

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

* to continue efforts towards the signing and ratifying the outstanding international human rights instruments;
* to adopt appropriate laws that clearly and explicitly define and prohibit child sexual abuse and exploitation, and to ensure the development of programmes and policies for the prevention, recovery and social reintegration of child victims;
* to effectively implement and strengthen a comprehensive strategy and national policy for the prevention and attention to gender violence.

We wish the delegation of Barbados a successful review.

**Thank you.**