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**Review of the United Arab Emirates**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 min.)*

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

 Ukraine warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Arab Emirates and presentation of its report. We commend the country’s commitment to human rights promotion and protection and its active role as a member of the Human Rights Council.

We welcome the launching of the gender-balance strategy in 2022, which contributes to strengthening national efforts for the empowerment and advancement of women.

In a constructive spirit, Ukraine recommends to the UAE:

* to consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
* to develop further measures to increase educational access in rural areas to lessen the proficiency gap between rural and urban areas and elaborate a policy targeted at migrant children for their inclusive integration.

We wish the UAE a very successful review.

**I thank you.**