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**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 min. 20 sec.)*

**Thank you,** **Mr. President,**

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel and thanks for the presentation of its national report. We highly commend the country’s commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights of all population groups and acknowledge the important steps taken by the Government of Israel on the legislative level towards the implementation of the UPR Working Group recommendations.

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

* to intensify efforts combating sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls, including economic violence;
* to expedite the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence;
* to continue efforts to strengthen national policy on the protection of children’s rights, including through the adoption of a national action plan on combating sexual violence against children;
* to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.

We wish Israel a very successful review.

**I thank you.**