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**Intervention by Ukraine**

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

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of Liechtenstein headed by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Sport Her Excellency Dominique Hasler, and thanks for the presentation of the report. We commend country’s and your personal strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights, both at home and worldwide, and we support the efforts of Liechtenstein towards strengthening international rule-based order, distinctly testified by country’s “veto initiative” in the UN.

We welcome the steps made by the Government of Liechtenstein in implementing previous recommendations made by Ukraine, one of which was signing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We also positively note the efforts undertaken by Liechtenstein towards closing the gender wage gap and the adoption of legislative amendments to the country’s laws and the Criminal Code with a view to strengthen the existing legal framework.

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

* to ensure that finalization of all necessary legislative adjustments to the CRPD wouldn’t delay its ratification;
* to pursue the consistent implementation of gender-inclusive policies in the field of higher education and in the labour market which would allow for further increased empowerment of women.

 Ukraine is very grateful for Liechtenstein’s support and solidarity with Ukraine against Russia’s ongoing aggression and wishes the delegation of Liechtenstein a successful review.

**I thank you.**