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**43rd session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Burundi**

*(4 May 2023)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

 *(Speaking time: 1 min. 10 sec.)*

**Thank you, Madame Vice President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Burundi at the 43rd session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

Recognizing the efforts made by the Government of Burundi since the 3rd UPR cycle, we have to acknowledge that many significant challenges still remain.

Ukraine calls on Burundi to fully implement recommendations accepted during its previous UPR. We encourage Burundi to continue the efforts to implement programs and policies outlined in the legislation and we would like to **recommend**:

* to consider establishment of an effective national preventive mechanism regarding torture, as required by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture;
* to take necessary measures aimed at eradication of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity;
* ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

We wish the delegation of Burundi a successful review.

**I thank you.**