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**Review of Barbados**

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**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Barbados and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We acknowledge the positive steps taken by Barbados with respect to the implementation of recommendations accepted during previous UPR cycle, in particular the ratification of CRPD and the improvement of the professionalism of the police force.

We wish to encourage the Government of Barbados to take further measures in order to continue advancing the human rights situations and would like to **recommend**:

- to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty,

- to ratify other key international treaties including ICPPED, CAT and the Optional Protocol to it, and the Optional Protocols to CRC;

- to finalize the process of the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution in line with the Paris Principles;

-  to present overdue reports to the human rights treaty bodies.

**Thank you.**