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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Burundi**

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**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

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

We note that the report indicates certain progress achieved since the second UPR cycle.

However, Ukraine has serious concerns about continued reports of killings, arbitrary arrests and abductions in the country as well as about reported lack of action on fighting impunity, conducting investigations of alleged violations and abuses and prosecuting perpetrators.

The suspension by the Government of Burundi of all cooperation with the OHCHR caused our deep regret. We therefore welcome the ongoing discussions on reopening of the OHCHR Office, and expect the talks to transform into concrete steps.

Our recommendations:

- to finalize swiftly the Memorandum of Understanding with OHCHR;

- to maintain full cooperation with international human rights mechanisms;

- to ensure accountability for grave human rights violations;

- to improve human rights situation with regard to displaced persons;

- to ratify ICPPED.

**Thank you.**