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**Review of France**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

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

We commend the strong stand of France for human rights protection both domestically and worldwide. A number of further ratifications of international human rights treaties as well as the important role of France in concluding the Paris Agreement on Climate Change are evidence of this.

Efforts in ensuring gender equality, integration of Roma, dialogue with civil society are noteworthy. We welcome the implementation of the National Action Plan to Combat Racism and Anti-Semitism for 2015-2017 and elaboration of such Plan for the next period, which resonates well with Ukraine’s recommendations in the second UPR cycle.

Our **recommendations**:

to ensure that counter-terrorism measures are in full conformity with the provisions of CAT;

to further increase efforts aimed at protection of asylum seekers and migrants.

**Thank you.**