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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Liechtenstein**

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**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

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

We commend the Liechtenstein’s commitment to promote and protect human rights at both domestic and international level and we highly assess the steps made by the Government towards the implementation of recommendations from the second UPR cycle.

First of all we would like to note the creation of the independent National Human Rights Institution «The Association for Human Rights in Liechtenstein» as we consider this step as an important one towards strengthening the already high standard of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the country.

We also commend the signing and ratification of a number of international and European agreements relevant to human rights, as well as the adoption of legislative amendments to the laws, the Criminal Code and the Asylum Act developing existing legal framework.

Ukraine wishes to encourage the Government of Liechtenstein to continue improving the human rights situations in the country and would like to offer the following **recommendations**:

- to ratify CRPD and its Optional Protocol;

- to ratify ICPPED;

- to continue taking measures towards creating a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that would include all prohibited grounds for discrimination;

- to ensure a balanced representation of both genders in political bodies.

**Thank you.**