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**Review of Cabo Verde**

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**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

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

We would like to commend the improvements to the legislative and institutional framework since the 2nd UPR review, in particular:

- the revision of the Penal Code in 2015;

- the approval of the II National Human Rights and Citizenship Plan in 2017;

- the development of Strategic Plan for the Justice Sector (2018-2028) as an important step in the judiciary system reform process;

- the establishment of the Ministry of Family and Social Inclusion, aimed to cover, inter alia, the gender equality issues;

- the ratification of several international human rights instruments.

Ukraine also congratulates Cabo Verde on the successful Presidential elections, freely and peacefully held in 2016.

The Ukrainian delegation wishes to encourage the Government of Cabo Verde to take further measures aimed at continued improvement of the human rights situation in the country, and would like to **recommend**:

- to ratify the International Convention for Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance;

- to continue taking steps towards the adoption of the comprehensive anti‑trafficking legislation, which would cover the exploitation of women and children;

- to ensure better implementation of the existing legislation and action plans for the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women;

- to submit overdue reports to treaty bodies.

**Thank you.**