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**Review of Belize**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Belize and thanks for the presentation of the National report, which provides information on improving the National mechanisms in the sphere of human rights protection in accordance with the Human Rights Council’s general guidelines, in particular through inclusive national consultations and cooperation between state authorities and civil society actors with assistance of the OHCHR.

My delegation commends the ratification by Belize of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment of Punishment as well as the signing of the UN Convention against Corruption, and the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Meanwhile, we would like to **recommend** to the Government of Belize:

- to take further proper legislative measures to address discrimination against different groups;

- to pass specific legislation on access to education;

- to combat violence against women;

- to prohibit corporal punishment at home;

- to establish a national HR institution in compliance with the Paris Principles.

**I thank you, Mr. President.**