33rd session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review

Review of Costa Rica

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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr.President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica, a country that is one of the leaders in the region in the field of human rights protection, and commends it for adherence to the Review process.

We appreciate the fact of ratification by Costa Rica of almost all universal and regional human rights instruments and reaffirmation of its high-level collective commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 5 on gender equality and empowering all women and girls. Ukraine positively notes in this regard the elaboration of the National Policy for De Facto Equality between Women and Men 2018–2030.

We would like to recommend Costa Rica:

- to fully implement ratified international human rights instruments and to fulfill the country’s obligations under those documents;

- to draft and adopt a supporting Action Plan to the aforementioned 2018–2030 Gender Equality Policy;

- to continue efforts aimed at strengthening the protection of children from sexual exploitation.

Ukraine wishes Costa Rica a very successful review.

Thank you.