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Review of Nicaragua

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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes Nicaragua’s adherence to the Review process.

We appreciate the fact that the country’s report reflects the information on the implementation of relevant recommendations *(114.53 and 114.63)* with regard to protection of women and girls from violence, and children from hazardous working conditions that Ukrainian delegation expressed during previous review. We encourage the Government to redouble its efforts in preventing violations of human rights of women and children. We also urge it to take steps to prevent arbitrary arrests, kidnappings, attacks on opposition voices.

Ukraine recommends:

- to fully comply with state’s obligations under international human rights instruments to which Nicaragua is a party, including timely submitting periodic reports to the respective treaty bodies;

- to cooperate closely with the OHCHR and with HRC special procedures, allowing them access to the country in accordance with standing invitation extended by the State in 2006 (*especially taking into account that the last such visit took place 10 years ago*);

- to take effective, primarily legislative, steps to protect the rights of persons deprived of their liberty.

Thank you.