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Review of Madagascar

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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr.President,

Ukraine thanks Madagascar for the presentation of its National report.

We commend the efforts of the Government of Madagascar to implement recommendations from the previous UPR cycle.

We welcome the ratification of several human rights instruments, including the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on abolition of death penalty; Optional Protocol to the CAT, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We are closely following the efforts of the Government to reduce corruption, including adoption and ongoing implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy.

Ukraine further recommends to:

- accede to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness;

- ratify the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees;

- adopt legislation to criminalize all acts of violence against women, specifically domestic violence, including marital rape, child and/or forced marriage and all forms of sexual abuse;

- ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure;

- ensure the equal rights of women and men in all matters relating to marriage and family relations.

I thank you.