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**Review of Kiribati**

**Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine**

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Madam President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Kiribati and thanks it for its presentation. Ukraine positively notes that since the last cycle, Kiribati has ratified Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Right of Child as well as the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Ukraine also recognizes the crucial steps taken by the Government of Kiribati in the field of disaster risk management as well as Kiribati’s leadership role within the international community in the sphere of climate change, including through such initiatives as the Coalition of Low-lying Atoll Nations on Climate Change and the Alliance of Small Island States.

Ukraine recommends to Kiribati to:

1. Ratify core human rights treaties and conventions, in particular the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and its Second Optional Protocol.
2. Issue a standing invitation to Special Procedures and effectively implement their recommendations.
3. Establish a national human rights institution that complies with the Paris Principles.
4. Incorporate a comprehensive definition of discrimination into the national legal framework to pave the way to achieving the equality of vulnerable groups in social, political, economic and cultural fields.

We wish Kiribati every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.