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**Review of Kyrgyzstan**

**Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine**

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**Madam President,**

Ukraine thanks Kyrgyzstan for its National Report.

We note certain progress since the second UPR cycle, namely elaboration of the National Human Rights Action Plan and several related strategies, implementation of legislative measures aimed at combatting enforced disappearances and torture.

Still, we share concerns regarding Kyrgyzstan’s problems related to religious freedoms, interethnic relations, human rights defenders, rights of children, domestic violence and women’s rights, transitional justice and others.

Counting on Kyrgyzstan to demonstrate further progress, we recommend to:

* issue standing invitation to all UN special procedures;
* accede to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
* comply with obligations under core international human rights documents while elaborating, implementing and revising policy and legislation;
* ensure funding for appropriate functionality of national human rights initiatives and mechanisms, including the national preventive mechanism;
* take steps aimed at guaranteeing free exercise of religious freedoms;
* consider establishing an office of ombudsman for children.

**Thank you.**