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35th session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review

Review of Lesotho

Intervention by Ukraine

*(22 January 2020)*

Madame President,

Ukraine welcomes Lesotho’s adherence to the Review process.

We appreciate the fact that the country’s report reflects information on the implementation of recommendations on women’s rights and human trafficking, rights to health and education, anti-corruption legislation, as well as cooperation with the treaty bodies and special procedures.

While recognizing certain progress achieved in implementing the recommendations accepted during the 2nd UPR cycle, Ukraine would like to recommend to the Government of Lesotho to:

- ratify the OP to the ICESCR, the OP to the CRC on a communications procedure, the OP to the CRPD, the OP to the CAT.

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

- continue setting up a comprehensive system to protect children’s rights and develop a national strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence against them;

- take effective steps to curb the HIV pandemic.

Thank you.