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**Human Rights Council**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

 **Madame President,**

 Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Spain and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

 We commend efforts taken by Spain to improve the institutional and legislative frameworks in the fields of human trafficking, hate crimes, discrimination and rights of the child as well as the Government’s commitments to human rights protection being realized nationally through various national action plans and programs, in particular, the National Covenant on Combating Gender-based Violence 2018–2022, and its cooperation with human rights mechanisms and institutions.

 Ukraine would like to recommend the following:

 - to expedite the adoption of legislation guaranteeing comprehensive protection of children against violence;

 - to provide the national preventive mechanism with sufficient financial resources, necessary for the full implementation of its mandate.

 We wish Spain a successful review and further progress in promotion and protection of human rights.

 **I thank you.**