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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Madame President,**

Ukraine thanks Sweden for the presentation of the National report prepared through a truly transparent process.

Ukraine welcomes the adoption by the Government of Sweden of the National Human Rights Strategy and ten-year national strategy (2017–2026) to prevent and combat men’s violence against women, as well as a number of national action plans in other human rights related spheres. In particular, those aimed at ensuring gender equality, rights of the child and disabled persons, as well as combating racism and hate crimes.

We further commend efforts taken by the Government of Sweden to ensure harmonizing its national and institutional framework with the international human rights instruments.

We would like to recommend the following:

- to establish an independent national human rights institution in full compliance with the Paris Principles;

- to speed up the ratification of the ICPPED and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

We wish the delegation of Sweden a successful review.

**I thank you.**