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Review of Belarus

Intervention by Ukraine

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Madame President,

We thank the delegation for the presentation of National Report.

In view of contributing to improvement of Belarus' human rights policy in the long-term as well as overcoming the most recent plight, Ukraine recommends:

- to engage constructively with the Special Rapporteur on human rights situation in Belarus and other special procedures, and to issue a standing invitation to all of them;

- to ensure favorable conditions needed for OHCHR to fulfill its mandate in accordance with the HRC resolution 45/1;

- to strictly adhere to obligations under ICCPR, including ensuring full and unhindered exercise of freedom to peaceful protests;

- to release all individuals forcefully detained for participation in peaceful protests and on political grounds ;

- to accede to ICPPED and to OPCAT;

- to implement legislation and policies needed for abolishment of the death penalty, including through ratification of the Second OP of the ICCPR;

- to establish a functioning and independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

I thank you.