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36th session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review

Review of Panama

*(4 November 2020)*

Intervention by Ukraine

Mme President,

Ukraine welcomes Panama’s delegation and the country’s adherence to the Review process.

We note with appreciation that Panama makes positive steps towards combatting femicide, elimination of violence against and trafficking in women, implementing the recommendations on the matter, received during the second UPR cycle, including from the Ukrainian delegation.

At the same time further efforts are needed to tackle domestic violence, sexual exploitation of children and their involvement in armed conflicts.

Ukraine recommends:

- to take all the legal, administrative, and institutional measures to prevent the recruitment of children by non-State armed groups and to protect them from violence;

- to develop a comprehensive strategy to prevent and combat trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and girls, with special focus on armed-groups related victimization;

- to guarantee women’s and children’s access to justice;

- to actively include indigenous women into decision-making process.

We also have a question for the delegation of Panama:

In the circumstances of COVID-19 the big number of ships under Panama flag got stuck at marinas worldwide for an indefinite period of time. What the State does to protect the human rights of sailors on these ships?

We wish Panama a successful review.

Thank you.