**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of Ukraine**

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Mr President,

Slovenia wishes to thank the delegation of Ukraine for their latest national report, its presentation and for their commitment to the UPR process.

We wish to recommend to Ukraine:

* To adopt all necessary legislative and policy measures to effectively combat corruption and related impunity. This includes an immediate creation of an independent and effective specialised anti-corruption court.
* To ensure that judges of the Supreme Court are not subjected to any form of political influence in their decision making, and that their appointment is transparent.
* To ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention), as well as the European Convention on the Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes.

Slovenia welcomes the steps taken by Government of Ukraine in its reform agenda from the previous cycle of the UPR, and the progress achieved in areas that are crucial for respect for human rights, consolidation of democratic institutions and the rule of law.

We note that despite the strengthened efforts of the Government to prevent and reduce root causes of corruption, the issue has not been properly addressed yet.

We are also worried that the legislation on combating sexual and domestic violence, and issues of ensuring equal rights and opportunities for women and men, had not been fully implemented.