

Statement
on the Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on
Ukraine

Mr. President,


1. At the outset we would like to inform the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and the Human Rights Council that Ukraine has carefully examined five recommendations which set out in paragraph 58 of the conclusions and recommendations of Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on Ukraine. As a result, we decided to accept the following recommendations:

Second recommendation on signing and ratifying, at the earliest opportunity, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto (made by Portugal);

Fourth recommendation on the ensuring the safety and proper treatment of all persons held in custody by the police and to consider the establishment of an independent police complaints mechanism (made by Italy).

Referring to recommendations three and five I would like to inform you that Ukraine can not accept these recommendations.

As regards the recommendation number one on strengthening the efforts on signing and ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 1954 and the Convention to Reduce Statelessness of 1961, which was proposed by Mexico, I would like to inform you that at present time we can not support this recommendation. At the same time it is essential to emphasize that at the national level Ukraine take all efforts which are necessary for the protection rights of migrants, particularly, migrant workers, and stateless persons. Therefore, by the order of the Ukrainian Government the

Concept of State Migration Policy of Ukraine is currently being elaborated, which will accumulate international and European experience in solving migration issues. In order to implement the above-mentioned Concept a number of amendments are to be introduced into national legislation, in particular, to the Law of Ukraine "On Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", the Law of Ukraine "On Migration" and the new Law of Ukraine "On Refugees and Persons who are in need of additional temporary protection in Ukraine" will be adopted. 

Mr. President,

I would like to express my gratitude to all members of Working group for the grounded and well-balanced approach in studying the national report. Special gratitude goes to all members of interactive dialogue, which took place during the review of the national report. Ukraine attaches great importance to the recommendations which are of paramount importance for Ukraine and this is my strong conviction, that we will take all necessary measures for their fulfilment.

Thank you.