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Ukraine

Addendum

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- 1. The delegation of Ukraine expressed its gratitude to all members of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review for the grounded and well-balanced approach in their examination of the Ukrainian national report. Special gratitude went to all those who participated in the interactive dialogue, which took place during the review of the national report. Ukraine attaches great importance to the recommendations contained in the report of the Working Group, and it was the delegation's strong conviction that all necessary measures will be taken to ensure their fulfilment.
- 2. The delegation of Ukraine stated that the Government of Ukraine carefully examined the five recommendations contained in paragraph 58 of the report, and as a result has decided to accept recommendation No. 2 made by Portugal on signing and ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto, and recommendation No. 4 made by Italy on 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.
- 3. The delegation of Ukraine added that recommendations Nos. 3 and 5 were not accepted. Regarding recommendation No.1 proposed by Mexico on strengthening efforts to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of 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, Ukraine stated that for the time being, this recommendation was not accepted. However, it emphasized that Ukraine makes all necessary efforts at national level to protect the rights of migrants, migrant workers and stateless persons. Furthermore, the Government was elaborating the Concept of State Migration Policy, which will draw on international and European experience in solving migration issues. In this connection, a number of amendments were to be introduced into national legislation, in particular, in the Law "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", the Law "On Migration" and the new Law "On Refugees and Persons who are in need of additional Temporary Protection in Ukraine".
