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Key issue:

Right to education

1. **Catholic International Education Office (OIEC)** is a NGO with special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of United Nations (ECOSOC). Founded in 1952, OIEC represents worldwide Catholic education and its aim is to promote educational catholic projects in relation with the principles of the United Nations. OIEC is present in 103 countries and represents about 50 millions pupils and students in more than 210.000 schools around the world. OIEC's priorities issues are: Education for all (and its application in the field of human rights education, peace, justice, solidarity and sustainable development); Freedom of education; Freedom of religion; and Dialogue of cultures.

2. On UPR's process, OIEC is focused on two issues: Education for all and freedom of education. The information contained in this document had been provided by The Commission of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Education. The numbers of pupils attending catholic schools are 2254 pupils as following: 922 pupils in primary, 886 pupils in secondary education, and 446 pupils in higher education. It is 0,81% of the overall number of pupils attending school in Ukraine.

3. Level of implementation of recommendations made in UPR of Ukraine in 2012 (2nd Cycle – 14th session):

Recommendation	Position of Ukraine	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation
Theme: E51 Right to education - General			
97.127. Strengthen efforts in mitigating the effects caused by the decline in schools in recent years to ensure that the children's schooling cycle is not left vulnerable (Sri Lanka); Source of position: A/HRC/22/7/Add.1	Supported	E51 Right to education - General Affected persons: - general - children	It is an extremely important rule, especially concerning the large number of refugees and displaced persons in Ukraine and victims of military aggression of the Russian Federation in Crimea and Donbas. Ukraine, as far as possible, but even over the usual possibilities rescues the situation.
97.126. Ensure adequate funding for the public education system and improve the availability, accessibility and quality of general education in rural areas (Iran (Islamic Republic of)); Source of position: A/HRC/22/7/Add.1	Supported	E51 Right to education - General A63 Budget and resources (for human rights implementation) Affected persons: - children - persons living in rural areas	Ukraine is aware of this problem and tries to resolve it in the context of the administrative reform, which is now happening and the introduction of international experience. For this purpose the significant for the national budget funds are allocated, however, they are not sufficient in absolute terms.

4. Regarding the **Education for all (EFA)**, specifically in favor of the poorest people with specific needs and minorities, the Commission of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Education made outstanding proposals to Ukraine government. Two of these proposals have already been included in the new draft of the "About Education" law, which passed its first reading in the Ukrainian Parliament. Those proposals are:

- Implementation of "Money follows a child" principle.
- Introduction of a comprehensive system of inclusive education.

Our Recommendations to Ukraine government

5. Overcome the state monopoly on education by transferring to the government-public system of education management within which an individual, society and state become equal subjects.

6. Implement the state support for the preservation and expansion of a network of private secondary schools.

7. Provide the right for religious organizations to rent the premises of educational institutions for confessional-oriented religious education.

8. Introduce simplified conditions for the rent of premises of educational institutions of all levels.