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UNFPA STATEMENT ON UKRAINE UPR OUTCOME REPORT

Thank you Mr. President,

UNFPA commends the Government of Ukraine on its UPR report which demonstrates its commitment to the enjoyment of human rights. UNFPA is willing to support the government of Ukraine to implement the recommendations the State has received in partnership with public entities, the National Human Rights Commission and several other key national stakeholders, including from Civil Society and the Academia.

In the framework of our current Country Cooperation Programme, UNFPA will provide technical assistance and other forms of support with a focus on the following recommendations:

- Support the implementation of the Law on ensuring equality of the rights and opportunities for women and men, in order to eliminate the gender equality gaps in all spheres of the society; providing the commission on gender equality with the necessary support to reduce disparities between women and men.
- Take all necessary steps to effectively combat gender-based violence, in particular by Supporting the parliament in amending the articles of the Criminal Code dealing with rape and sexual violence, in line with international standards and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, to ensure accountability for conflict-related sexual violence; and providing adequate capacity for judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officials to better implement laws criminalizing violence against women and better assist and protect women victims of violence
- Support the implementation of laws and policies to strengthen the protection of the rights of minorities, including LGBTI persons and the Roma community, including through the implementation of the 2015 national human rights strategy and processes leading to the ratification of the Istanbul Convention
- Support the implementation of existing laws, policies and protocols to counter trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation, particularly of young women, focusing also on the situation in conflict-affected areas.
- Support the MoH and other stakeholders to improve access to health care, in particular with regard to adolescent SRH, maternal health, and protection from STIs with a focus on integrating comprehensive sexuality education in the school curriculum and reaching out to youth in out-of-school settings.
- Support the effective participation of civil society in the implementation of women, peace and security as well as the youth, peace and security agendas;

Many thanks