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Thank you Madame Chair,

Ukraine is committed to full realization of national minorities rights as embedded in the Constitution of Ukraine and relevant national legislation.

Ukraine takes seriously its obligations as a party to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and develops its national policies in this area accordingly.

We acknowledge that, as in many other countries, the vulnerability and marginalization of Roma community, including the problem of statelessness, requires particular attention.

In 2013, Ukraine adopted the national "Strategy for the Protection and Integration of the Roma National Minority into Ukrainian Society until 2020", which is being implemented in alignment with human rights policies in other areas, including gender equality.

The issue of ensuring opportunities and non-discrimination for Roma women was discussed last October in Kyiv during the conference on the realization of rights of Roma women in Ukraine.

We thank the participants of the conference for their recommendations and see them as a useful guidance for further action in full cooperation with the Roma community.

We regret that much of discussion during this forum, however, has deviated from the important topic of statelessness.

We would like to particularly highlight baseless accusation against Ukraine made on behalf of the Russian Federation, which for the last five years has been carrying out a military aggression against Ukraine.

All the violations of international law related to the situation in Crimea are a direct consequence of Russian occupation of the peninsula, the fact of which has been confirmed twice by General Assembly resolutions on human rights situation in Crimea.

In this regard, we call on the aggressor state – the Russian Federation – to comply with its obligations as the occupying power, including in the field of national minority rights.

Thank you.