

**13<sup>th</sup> session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Morocco**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

We are pleased to note Morocco's firm commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights both nationally and internationally, in particular active participation of the Moroccan delegation in the work of the Human Rights Council. We also commend the Government of Morocco for its efforts in implementation of recommendations received during the first UPR's cycle and acknowledge progress attained so far, especially in the advancement and promotion of women's rights.

We would like to pose to Moroccan delegation two specific questions:

- 1) On March 2011 the independent National Council for Human Rights has been established and we would like to ask the delegation of Morocco to make an assessment of visible advantages of this newly created body proved to date in comparison to its predecessor – the Human Rights Advisory Council.
- 2) In view of the UN Security Council resolution 2044 (2012) extending the mandate of the peacekeeping force for Western Sahara (MINURSO), which stresses the particular importance of ensuring full respect for human rights, we would appreciate if the distinguished Moroccan delegation could enlighten on its key priorities in this respect.