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**Intersessional Panel Discussion on Challenges and Good Practices in the Prevention of Corruption, and the Impact of Corruption on the Enjoyment of Human Rights**

**Intervention by the Delegation of Ukraine**

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Mister Chair,

Among the many modern-day threats to human rights corruption remains one of the most challenging. Corruption leads to erosion of society's values, distrust to public authorities, increased inequality and inadequate protection of a whole range of human rights.

Over the last years, the government and people of Ukraine have been fighting two existential wars - one against the continuous aggression coming from the Russian Federation and another against the corruption. Both of these wars are about the sustainable democratic future of our country, aim to overcome the negative consequences of the Soviet past and have significant implication for protection human rights.

While eradicating corruption from all spheres of social life, we see the keys to success in advanced digital tools, strong anti-corruption institutions and quality legislation.

As of today, Ukraine has become one of the world leaders in developing anti-corruption IT solutions. We have rethought the public procurement system and today Ukrainians can see information about every product purchased by the government. Each year more than 800,000 electronic declarations are submitted by public servants. Ukraine has become the first country in the world to introduce fully functional digital passport and in three years we plan to make 100% of public services available on the Internet.

Our country can also boast one of the most robust institutional foundation for anti-corruption policies, while the recently adopted Anti-corruption strategy for 2021-2025 is called to ensure coherence of anti-corruption activities of all governmental agencies as well as strengthening of effective and inclusive democratic institutions.

At the same time, we remain open to further engagement with international partners, including the UN, aimed at effectively countering corruption and its negative impact on human rights.