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GERMANY

- With regard to para. 5 of the OHCHR's compilation (A/HRC/WG.6/2/UKR//2) Germany notes the concerns expressed by the CESCR, but also by CAT and CERD, on the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights' (National Ombudsman Institution) reported lack of independence and its ineffectiveness in defending economic, social and cultural rights. Which measures did Ukraine implement to ensure the independence of the Ombudsman? And which measures did Ukraine take to
 - widen public access, including by minority groups, to the Commissioner's Office at the regional, district and municipal levels?
- With regard to para. 11 of the OHCHR's compilation (A/HRC/WG.6/2/UKR/2), several treaty bodies (HR Committee, CERD, CAT) as well as the Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression noted with concern racial and ethnic hatred, problems of anti-Semitism as well as violent acts of racial discrimination and xenophobia. Ukraine informed CERD and also in its national report about the implementation of systematic measures to promote tolerance and actively counteract any manifestation of racial or religious hatred. Apart from the creation of
 - governmental structures to combat these phenomena, in what way does Ukraine ensure that these acts are investigated and prosecuted quickly and that also the General Prosecutor's Office is involved in these measures?

NETHERLANDS

- Recently there have been several, sometimes violent, cases of racism and xenophobia in Ukraine. It would be appreciated if Ukraine could elaborate which measures it will take against racism and xenophobia, in particular to make the police more responsive.
- Despite the progress that has been made since a couple of years, cases of torture and ill-treatment have still been reported. What further measures does Ukraine envision to address this?
- The National Report that Ukraine has submitted to the HRC is mainly focussed on the legislative process concerning the protection of human rights. Could you elaborate on the process of implementation of these legislative measures?