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Mr. President,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation of Kyrgyzstan and thank them for the presentation of their report.

Croatia welcomes the signing of the CRPD Convention and we would like to encourage the Kyrgyzstan authorities to ratify it. We would also like to encourage Kyrgyzstan to issue a standing invitation to the human rights special procedures.

Croatia welcomes the new legislative provision that increases the prison sentence to seven years for the crime of kidnapping of a bride. However we are concerned that the practice of child, early and forced marriage continues, often with the agreement of the parents.

We are also interested in actions that your Government has taken in order to fight the discrimination and violence against LGBTI individuals?

Mr. President,

We have two recommendations:

1. Strengthen the public campaigns and raise awareness regarding the unacceptability of the practice of child, early and forced marriage.
2. To fully prohibit corporal punishment against children in all settings, including at home.

Thank you.