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Mr. President,

Croatia would like to thank the delegation of the Kingdom of Sweden for the presentation of their comprehensive report.

We applaud Sweden's longstanding engagement for human rights both at the national and international level, as well as the Government's continued efforts to ensure full respect for human rights in Sweden.

In this regard, Croatia welcomes the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations that Sweden accepted during its first UPR review. We commend the Government for an open and transparent implementation process, in which different stakeholders and civil society organisations have been actively involved.

We would like to encourage the Government to continue working actively for its objective to ensure full and equal enjoyment of all human rights for all people in Sweden without distinction of any kind.

We have two recommendations:

1. Continue taking efficient measures with a view to eliminating differences in salaries and other terms of employment between men and women who perform work that is regarded as equal or equivalent;
2. Enhance efforts - including within the "*Strategy to Strengthen the Rights of the Child in Sweden*"- to prevent and eliminate discrimination against children belonging to ethnic minorities, children members of immigrant families and children refugee and asylum seekers.

We commend Sweden for the progress achieved and wish you a successful review session.