

Review of Croatia

Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Croatia and thanks for the detailed national report. We note with appreciation the initiatives aimed at further promotion of human rights in Croatia since its first review.

Armenia is particularly pleased to note the steps undertaken to combat trafficking of women and children. We appreciate the cooperation with civil society in combating trafficking in persons and the awareness-raising initiatives through media and trainings.

While noting the attention placed on the education of children particularly in the "National Strategy for Rights of the Children", we consider that there are still challenges remaining in the area to be addressed. We would particularly **recommend** ensuring that children in vulnerable and disadvantaged situations have equal access to education.

Armenia also notes the efforts made for the protection of the rights of the national minorities, including the progress made in promoting interethnic tolerance. However, we note that national minorities' concerns and issues are not sufficiently represented. We **recommend** Croatia to take measures aimed at the increase of the representation of minority groups in public and private sphere.

In conclusion, we wish Croatia a successful review.