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Universal Periodic Review of Croatia

Statement by Australia

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Australia commends Croatia on its commitment to human rights and its ongoing engagement with the Universal Periodic Review process. **Australia recommends Croatia continue to strengthen its human rights framework, including through giving full implementation to existing institutional and legal protections.**

Acknowledging Croatia's efforts to address gender-based discrimination and domestic violence, **Australia recommends that Croatia address remaining legislative and implementation gaps, including to fully protect and support victims.**

Australia also notes reports of continued societal discrimination against minority groups, including in education, employment, housing and healthcare. **Australia recommends that further concrete and effective steps be taken towards protection and social inclusion for all minority groups.**

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