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STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Croatia headed by...

We express our appreciation of the Government's efforts to secure full respect for Croatia's international commitment to human rights.

Bulgaria commends the implementation of the key strategic documents and intensifying efforts to: combat hate crimes, ensure free legal aid, and improve education on human rights.

We note with appreciation the fact that Croatia has taken concrete measures to strengthen the effectiveness of its efforts to protect Women's rights and combating domestic violence.

The education process of the police officials in the area of domestic violence and violence against women, is also a key step in this direction. Another important achievement is the adoption of several progressive legislation on gender-based violence. Bulgaria acknowledges the ambitious efforts of the Croatian government within the national prevention project entitled "Living without violence", which involves the police and the educational institutions, social welfare services and NGOs to educate children on non-violence, gender equality and non-discrimination.

Bulgaria recommends Croatia to implement the Human Rights Committee's March 2015 recommendations on gender-based violence

Thank you!