



**UPR, May 12 2015**  
**Recommendations by Canada for Croatia's UPR**

Thank you Mr. President,

**Recommendations:**

Canada recommends that Croatia:

1. Improve services and support for women victims of domestic violence by conducting effective investigations, vigorously prosecuting the perpetrators, ending the practice of prosecuting victims, and ensuring victims have access to protection and shelters.
2. Take effective measures to investigate and prosecute war crimes, including rape and other sexual abuse, and ensure that war crimes trials are carried out expeditiously and fairly by an independent and impartial tribunal.
3. Take measures to safeguard the right to an adequate standard of living, including by expediting the return of Croatian Serbs to their homes and by upholding commitments under the Regional Housing Program.
4. Fully implement the Constitutional Act on the Rights of National Minorities and take action to implement Constitutional Court decisions regarding the Act on Usage of Languages and Scripts of National Minorities.

**Observations:**

We welcome Croatia's acceptance of the 2010 UPR recommendations to take measures to eliminate discrimination against the Roma community.

We remain concerned about reports that Roma are often unable to access state services due to their lack of legal status inside Croatia.