

Statement by Hungary on Croatia
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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Croatia and congratulate them for their national report, as well as for presenting the progress achieved and the remaining challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in Croatia.

Hungary wishes to raise the following points:

- We welcome the steps taken towards the strengthening of the institution of the ombudsman. We understand the difficulties of allocating more resources to the ombudsman's office in a period of economic downturn. Nevertheless, Hungary recommends, even if only in a modest and gradual way, increasing the personnel and financial allocations to the ombudsman in order to ensure that the stronger legal position of the office is also reflected in its human and financial capacities.
- We acknowledge the progress achieved in combating discrimination. There remain, however, some important challenges, in particular with regard to national and ethnic minorities. Hungary recommends that the Croatian government continue its efforts to reach the threshold of 5,5% share of minorities in the total number of employees in line with the "Action Plan for the employment of national minorities in SAB 2011-2014" in particular in those regions where minorities have significant presence.

Thank you, Mr. President!