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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA
22ND SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP
CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL REPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
GENEVA, 12 MAY 2015**

Mr. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of the Republic of Croatia led by H.E. Ms. Vesna Pusic, First Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, for presenting their national report.

Indonesia commends the Government of Croatia for taking measures in implementing recommendations of the first UPR cycle, in particular by ratifying the Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter-country as well as continuing the National Programme for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights 2013–2016. We also welcome the fact that Croatia has put an emphasis on gender equality as part of its human rights improvement measures through its National Policy for Gender Equality 2011–2015.

My delegation is pleased to note that the Government of Croatia has taken positive developments in the institutionalization of the mentally-ill persons and the implementation of national laws to protect women and children victims of domestic violence as well as laws to combat human trafficking.

In this regard, my delegation would like to **recommend the Government of Croatia to continue implementing its various national programmes and policies, in particular “National Programme for the protection and promotion of human rights 2013–2016” and “Action Plan for removing barriers to achieving equal rights in the area of integration 2013–2015”.**

Mr. President,

With regards to Croatia’s National Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence 2011 – 2016 and National Anti-Discrimination Plan 2008 – 2013, my delegation would like to send our appreciation of such initiatives and we **recommend that these initiatives be translated into concrete and effective laws.**

Lastly, I would like to thank the Government of Croatia for its close engagement in this UPR review and I hope the continuing progress in advancing human rights both nationally and globally be maintained.

Thank you.