

**Human Rights Council
22nd session of the UPR Working Group
Review of Croatia
May 12, 2015
Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Croatia at the 22nd session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for presentation of the National report prepared in consultations with relevant agencies and institutions as well as with civil society.

We acknowledge positive steps made by the Croatian Government in implementation of recommendations accepted during the 1st cycle of the Review and efforts taken to improve the legislative framework for human rights.

We particularly commend adoption of the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence and the National Strategy of Protection against Family Violence 2011–2016 and encourage Croatia to effectively implement these important documents.

Welcoming entry into force of the Act on the Ombudsman in 2011, Ukraine recommends the Government of Croatia to explore ways of provision the necessary resources to ensure the independent and effective operation of the Office of the Ombudsman.

We also recommend Croatia to continue its efforts to combat discrimination and ensure equal treatment of all ethnicities and minorities.

Recognizing steps made by Croatia since 2010 in improving national health care system, particularly for children, including the National Health Care Strategy for 2012–2020, our delegation offers the Croatian Government recommendation to take further measures with a view to ensure that all children enjoy equal access to health services.

We wish the Croatian delegation a successful review session and further progress in promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.