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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Croatia
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Croatia to the 22nd Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation appreciates the update on the progress made by Croatia in the promotion and protection of human rights. We note the efforts made to further strengthen the legislative and institutional frameworks on human rights in the country since its first Review. Among others, significant efforts have been made in gender equality and women empowerment, as well as in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child through the adoption of the National Strategy on the Rights of Children for 2014-2020.

3. While progress has been made, my delegation notes that, like in many other countries, there remain challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in Croatia including in combating domestic violence and the negative attitudes and prejudices against persons belonging to ethnic minorities. In this regard, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Croatia:

- 3.1. **One:** To double its efforts in combating domestic violence and violence against women including through ensuring effective implementation of its National Strategy of Protection against Domestic Violence 2011-2016; and
- 3.2. **Two:** To strengthen its efforts on women empowerment by implementing programmes aimed at changing society's perception of women and removing barriers affecting the employment of women.

Thank you, Mr. President.

GENEVA
12 May 2015