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**United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
Statement**

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Thank you, Mr President.

We thank Croatia for its participation in the UPR, and recognise progress made since its last review.

We welcome the Government's commitment to improving the situation of persons belonging to minority groups, especially LGBT, Serb and Roma communities. We note in this regard the adoption of progressive legislation on civil partnerships, the implementation of the National strategy for Roma inclusion, and the Constitutional law on minorities.

The UK welcomes the adoption of the civil partnership legislation enabling recognition and equal rights of LGBT families. We hope the Government will enhance understanding and tolerance for LGBT people and make progress on LGBT parental rights.

We recognise the work of the Ombudsman for Disabled Persons, but regret to see lack of coordination in implementation of the National strategy for equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

We note the good work in raising awareness of domestic violence. However, we encourage the Government to make sure that support for victims of domestic violence, such as shelters with sufficient funding, are offered nationwide.

We have two recommendations;

1. To demonstrate a clear track record of war crime cases which shows standardised sentencing through a fair and non-discriminatory process.
2. To ensure efficient, non-discriminatory investigations and timely prosecutions as part of the enforcement of hate crime legislation.

Thank you, Mr President.