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of
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Mr. President,

The Republic of Macedonia would like to extend its welcome to the high level delegation led by Her Excellency Mrs. Vesna Pusić, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia and to thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend the government of Croatia for its continued demonstrated willingness to cooperate with international treaty bodies, special procedures and other human rights mechanisms of the United Nations.

We also commend the establishment of the Working group for reforming the rules to entry in the judicial profession as a means of safeguarding the independence of the judiciary.

We note with appreciation the adoption of several legislative documents related to the prevention of domestic violence.

- In that regard, we would ask the Delegation to expand on concrete steps taken to protect victims of domestic violence and to ensure adequate preventative protection as well as post festum rehabilitation and support?

Empowerment of women is another field of HRs where we have noted progress and improvement in particular empowerment of women in political and economic sphere. We would like to ask the Delegation for more detailed information about concrete steps that have been undertaken in this area, lately.

Finally, the Republic of Macedonia would like to offer the following recommendation:

- The Government of Croatia to continue with its efforts in further increasing the awareness of the gender equality and equal opportunities and foster implementation of its national policies in that regard.

Thank you Mr. President.