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Thank you Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes H.E. _____
and his delegation, and commends them for the comprehensive report presented today.

Timor-Leste welcomes the entry into force of the Act on the Ombudsman in 2011 and recommends Croatia to allocate the necessary resources to ensure the effective operation of the Office of the Ombudsman.

Timor-Leste also commends Croatia for adopting the Law on Protection of Persons with Mental Disorders, the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence, the Act on Free Legal Aid, the National Health Care Strategy and the National Strategy of Protection against Family Violence.

While noting with appreciation the achievements made by the Government of Croatia to combat sexual exploitation and abuse, Timor-Leste remains concerned about the lack of adequate support systems for victims, in particular the limited access to prevention programmes for children. Therefore, we wish to recommend Croatia to take all necessary measures to deter perpetrators and to develop programmes and policies in order to prevent sexual exploitation as well as programmes to social reintegrate child victims.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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