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**44th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA**

**15 November 2023**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mister President,

Croatia welcomes the delegation of Cuba and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We commend the adoption of the new Constitution with the human rights category and the efforts in its implementation.

We have following recommendations:

1. Ratify International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
2. Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
3. Establish an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.
4. Codify torture as a specific offence, and criminalize torture in accordance with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

We wish Cuba a successful UPR session.

Thank you.