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**45th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF CHAD**

**30 January 2024**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mister President,

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

We welcome the abolishment of the death penalty for all crimes in Chad in 2020, as well as the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission that is entrusted, among other tasks, with monitoring of detention facilities.

On the other hand, high incidents of gender-based and sexual violence require robust response from the Government, as does the increase in the number of grave violations against children, particularly in Lac Province.

We have three recommendations:

1. Ratify Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
2. Develop policies to combat sexual and gender-based violence and provide necessary support and care for victims, especially women and girls.
3. Continue efforts to eliminate recruitment of children into armed groups and reintegrate them into society upon their release.

We wish Chad a successful review session.

Thank you.