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**46th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF CAMBODIA**

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**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mr. President,

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

We commend Cambodia for hosting the OHCHR office and appreciate the county’s cooperation with the HRC and its mechanisms.

The National Disability Strategic Plan and efforts to promote inclusion are valuable developments for the protection of persons with disabilities.

We encourage the authorities to provide open political space, free of threats and intimidation that is essential for an inclusive, transparent and genuine electoral process.

Croatia has following recommendations:

1. **Ensure free and open political space that allows opposition parties equal opportunities to run in the elections.**
2. **Create a specific anti-discrimination law for the protection of ethnic minorities.**
3. **Strengthen existing legislation with measures to prevent violence against women.**
4. **Significantly strengthen efforts to prevent trafficking in persons, especially women and children.**

Croatia wishes Cambodia a successful review session.

Thank you.