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

**REVIEW OF SLOVAKIA**

**6 May 2024**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mr. President,

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

We welcome the adoption of several national action plans, including for the prevention and elimination of violence against children, as well as development of special measures aimed at eliminating secondary victimization of child victims.

We note the information on the cruel effect of enforced disappearances on the human rights of women and children, who are particularly vulnerable to sexual and other forms of violence and more likely to suffer serious economic disadvantages.

We have three recommendations:

1. **Intensify efforts to fully enforce the Anti-Discrimination Act in order to ensure that all complaints involving racial discrimination are investigated effectively.**
2. **Ensure that gender perspectives and child-sensitive approaches are used in implementing the rights and obligations set out in the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.**
3. **Provide capacity-building to judges, prosecutors, police officers and other law enforcement officials on gender-based discrimination in order to ensure that all complaints of gender-based discrimination are adequately registered, prosecuted and punished.**

Croatia wishes Slovakia a successful review session.

Thank you.