**28th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF ARGENTINA**

**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation of Argentina and thank them for the presentation of their report.

Croatia welcomes the adoption of the National Plan of Action for Prevention, Assistance and Eradication of Violence against Women 2017-2019, as well as the submission of the report of Argentina to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Furthermore, we commend the Government for hosting the visit of the United Nations Special Rapporteur violence against women.

However, we remain concerned with the report of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women pointing to the violence against women and girls, including sexual, physical, and mental abuse, as well as marital abuse.

Therefore, allow us to address Argentina with two recommendations:

1. Ensure the effective implementation of the National Plan of Action for Prevention, Assistance and Eradication of Violence against Women 2017-2019, established by Law N° 26.485;

2. We encourage Argentina to continue its efforts to provide a swift and effective Government response to violence against women and girls, including through strengthening the role of the National Women’s Council, by providing it with adequate budgetary and human resources for implementing, monitoring and evaluating the National Plan of Action for Prevention, Assistance and Eradication of Violence against Women 2017-2019.

Croatia would once again like to compliment the Government of Argentina for the progress achieved and wish Argentina a successful review session.

Thank you.