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

**REVIEW OF PAKISTAN**

**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

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

Croatia welcomes the establishing of the Ministry of Human Rights in November 2015, with a view to mainstream human rights in the country. Likewise, we welcome the adoption of the National Action Plan on Human Rights, as well as the adoption of Anti-rape and Anti-honour Killing Laws in 2016.

However, we remain concerned with the still reportedly high level of violence against women, including rape, acid attack crimes, domestic violence, marital rape and the so-called honour killings.

Therefore, allow us to address Pakistan with two recommendations:

1. Increase the level of funding of the National Commission on the Status of Women, in order for it to better protect and promote the rights of women.
2. Fully and without delay, implement the Anti-honor Killing Law, which resolved an ambiguity that had allowed perpetrators to be pardoned by relatives of the victim.

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

Thank you.