**37th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA**

**20 January 2021**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Madam President,

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

We welcome the efforts of the Australian Government aimed at the overall enhancement of human rights in the world. We also commend the ratification of the OPCAT.

We acknowledge Government’s efforts in addressing domestic and sexual violence against women and children, recognising that violence affects particular groups of women and children disproportionately and that tailored measures are needed.

Croatia encourages the Australian Government to continue strengthening the protection of children within juvenile justice systems and youth detention facilities.

We have two recommendations:

1. **Increase the minimum age of criminal responsibility across all States and Territories.**
2. **Prevent and provide remedies for acts of violence against persons with disabilities placed in institutions or residences.**

Croatia wishes Australia a successful review session.

Thank you.