37th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

REVIEW OF RWANDA

Statement of Croatia

Thank you.

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

We commend the progress related to protection of children against food insecurity, especially through adoption of a National Early Childhood Policy and Programme.

We welcome recent updates to the Family Law, however, sexual and gender-based violence and teenage pregnancies remain a concern.

Additionally, we call upon the Government to take further steps to harmonize its legislation with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities particularly as some laws still contain pejorative terms and reflect the medical model of disability.

We have the following recommendations:

1. Enact explicit prohibition of the corporal punishment of children, in all settings including home.
2. Enhance all efforts to combat all forms of violence against women.
3. Adopt the necessary measures to protect the integrity of persons with disabilities in all settings, including the prevention of forced treatment and forced sterilization of persons with disabilities.

Thank you.