**40th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF ICELAND**

**25 January 2022**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mister President,

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

We command the measures introduced in the Act on Equal Treatment in the Labor Market, particularly those regarding equal treatment of individuals irrespective of their race, ethnicity, religious beliefs or reduced working capacity.

In the field of combating trafficking in persons, we welcome comprehensive formal investigations, which lead to identification of victims and can further contribute to judicial processing of cases of trafficking in persons.

Our recommendations are as follows:

1. Take further steps to improve the prosecution of human traffickers and ensure appropriate protection and assistance for the victims.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

Croatia wishes the Delegation of Iceland a successful review session.

Thank you, Madame President.