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**REVIEW OF UNITED KINGDOM**

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**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mister President,

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

Following numerous measures taken by the Government, we note a significant progress in the area of combatting violence against women and girls.

We also welcome the UK strategy to tackle human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery, including strengthening the system to identify and protect child victims.

We commend the Government for its commitment to protecting and respecting human rights both nationally and within the UN system.

We encourage the Government to take further measures in addressing hate crimes.

We have three recommendations:

1. Take measures to improve data collection on gender-based violence, including disability disaggregated data when reporting such violence.
2. Ensure that the victims of trafficking and provided with timely information regarding their rights and assistance possibilities.
3. Identify and address the shortcomings in hate crime legislation with regard to combating racist and xenophobic speech and violence.

Thank you, Mr. President.