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**REVIEW OF ARGENTINA**

**23 January 2023**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia welcomes the Delegation of Argentina and thanks them for the presentation of the Report.

We welcome the progress made in the areas of women’s rights and gender equality, especially in terms of establishing The Ministry for Women, Gender and Diversity and The National Cabinet for the Mainstreaming of Gender Policies.

However, the lack of effective measures to address violence against women and girls and persisting impunity in femicide cases remain concerning.

We have three recommendations:

1. Initiate the selection process and appoint a national ombudsman in compliance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles).
2. Strengthen the fight against gender based violence and introduce necessary reforms in judicial system to tackle impunity in femicide cases.
3. Ensure inclusive education, especially for persons with disabilities, by providing adequate infrastructure and training of educational personnel.

We wish the delegation of Argentina successful UPR session.

Thank you.