**42nd SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF GHANA**

**24 January 2023**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mister President,

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

We welcome the Government’s efforts aimed at ensuring high level of school enrolment through nutritional measures as well as the livelihood empowerment action against poverty.

We also welcome all efforts aimed at abolishing death penalty.

 We have three recommendations:

1. Increase access to formal and informal education programs for pregnant girls and teenage mothers in order to improve their livelihoods and to protect their right to education.
2. Prohibit corporal punishment in education settings in law and enforce it in practice.
3. Conduct awareness raising campaigns and ensure the eradication of so-called witch camps as well as the social reintegration of affected women and accompanying children in the society.

We wish Ghana a successful review session.

Thank you.