**29th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF ROMANIA**

**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

We would like to extend **a warm welcome to the delegation of Romania** and thank them for the presentation of their comprehensive report.

Croatia welcomes the Government’s **National Strategy on the Protection and Promotion of Children’s Rights (2014 – 2020)** which focuses on taking measures to develop comprehensive policies and strategies to strengthen the education system, healthcare and social protection.

We support the commitment of the Government to combat domestic violence. We would therefore like **to encourage the Government to continue pursuing its efforts** with regards to the implementation of the **legislative framework on domestic violence** which would highlight the standards **of fighting violence against women and domestic violence, and ensure more efficient assistance to violence victims.**

Mr President, allow us to address Romania with the following recommendation:

1. Continue with efforts **to ensure broader access of victims of gender-based and domestic violence** **to justice and regulate clearly their protections**.

Croatia would once again like to compliment the Government of Romania for the progress achieved and wish them a successful review session.

Thank you.