**31th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF MEXICO**

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**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation of Mexico and thank them for the presentation of their report.

We welcome the legislative progress in the area of promotion and protection of the rights of the child, in particular the adoption of the General Act on the Rights of Children and Adolescents, the National Programme for the Protection of Children and Adolescents 2016–2018, the National Strategy to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancies and the establishment of the Federal Office for the Protection of Children and Adolescents.

However, considering the number of children and adolescents who are facing violence and insecurity, together with corruption and impunity, we would like to share our concern regarding the full implementation of the legislative framework, especially regarding street children.

Therefore, allow us to address Mexico with two recommendations:

1. **Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure**
2. **Fully support the work of civil society organizations dedicated to the welfare of street children**

Croatia would like to compliment the Government of Mexico for the progress achieved to date and wish them a successful review session.

Thank you.