**32th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF NEW ZEALAND**

**21 January 2019**

**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

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

We commend the efforts by the Government of New Zealand to alleviate socio-economic disparities among Māori and Pasifika populations. In this regard, we take the opportunity to mention that Croatian immigrants began arriving in New Zealand from the 19th century and today there are more than 100,000 New Zealanders of Croatian heritage. They have been welcomed and integrated in the country. This is an example of good commitment based on tolerance and human rights promotion in New Zealand.

However, violence against women and disparities between men and women, including the pay gap, remain significant areas of concern.

Therefore, allow us to address New Zealand with two recommendations:

1. **Continue to work towards full equality between men and women, particularly in order to reduce the pay gap.**
2. **Take effective measures to reduce domestic violence, including the adequate support and assistance of victims.**

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

Thank you.