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

**REVIEW OF CHILE**

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**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

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

We commend Chile’s ratifications of international human rights treaties since the second review cycle and for fulfilling their reporting obligations to the UN treaty bodies in a timely fashion.

We welcome the creation of the Ministry for Women’s Affairs and Gender Equity and the development of the fourth national plan on equality between women and men for the period 2018–2030, as well as the creation of the National Service for Women and Gender Equity.

Although the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice noted that Chile had made significant progress towards gender equality, we concur with their assessment that there still exists a significant gap between the principles of equality and the actual rights of women.

Therefore, allow us to address Chile with two recommendations:

1. **To adopt a comprehensive legal definition of all forms of discrimination against women and establish the principle of formal and substantive equality between women and men;**
2. **To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.**

Croatia would like to wish the Delegation of Chile a successful review session.

Thank you.