**33rd SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

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**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

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

Croatia welcomes the committment of the Government of Brunei towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We commend also the Sultan's announced future ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

We were relieved to hear that the de facto moratorium on capital punishment will be extended to the cases under the Syariah Penal Code Order. As much as we welcome this as a step in the right direction we must express concern on the fact that homosexuality is still a criminal offense and that children under 18 may be lawfully sentenced to life imprisonment and corporal punishment, including whipping and amputation.

Mr President,

Allow us to address Brunei with three recommendations:

1. Review the sharia code with a view to repealing provisions negatively affecting children and develop institutional capacity for the effective implementation of child-related laws.
2. Establish an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death

Penalty.

1. Ratifiy the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Croatia wishes the Government of Brunei a successful review session.

Thank you.