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

**REVIEW OF NORWAY**

**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia extends a warm welcome to the Delegation of Norway and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We would like to congratulate Norway on the great achievement and high ranking in the field of gender equality as Norway comes second among 149 assessed countries in the World Economic Forum’s *Global Gender Gap Report.*

We welcome Norway’s ratification of the Istanbul Convention and applaud the efforts invested so far to prevent domestic violence and abuse. We recommend Norway continue working with the Sami parliament on research into, and measures to prevent, violence in Sami communities.

Unfortunately, reported incidents on domestic violence and abuse, also affecting a large number of children, have increased. We welcome the introduction of a provision on children’s rights and incorporation of the principles of equality and non-discrimination into the Constitution. Croatia recommends Norway ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure

Croatia would once again like to compliment the Government of Norway on their achievements, and wish the Norwegian delegation a successful review session.