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Statement of Croatia

Thank you Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the Delegation of Italy and thank them for presenting their UPR report.

Croatia commends the efforts of Italian Government to implement recommendations from the previous UPR cycles. We particularly welcome the adoption of the Extraordinary NAP against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in 2015, establishing different mechanisms for combating this dark phenomenon and supporting the victims.

In the context of domestic violence, we warmly welcome financing of the projects “Support to fragile families” and “Support for children who witness domestic violence, the orphan victims of domestic crimes and for their foster families”.

Croatia is a strong advocate of the rights of the child, and we commend all the activities foreseen and undertaken within The National Plan for the Prevention and Fight against Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, 2016–2018 as well as government's dedication to implement them.

We also take positive note of the activities of the National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNR) in combating all forms of discrimination, especially with regard to National Inclusion Strategy for Roma, Sinti and Caminanti 2012-2020, including the significant financial support to the Strategy.

Considering the importance of the national human rights institutions for effective protection and promotion of human rights of the citizens, we urge the Government of Italy to step up its efforts in establishing a national human rights institution.

With the aim of further strengthening the human rights standards and practise, we have the following recommendation for Italy:

1. Ratify the Council of Europe Charter on Regional and Minority Languages, including further enhancing the efforts in preserving the language of Molise Croats, as well as reconsidering the formal recognition of Croatian linguistic minority in Friuli-Venezia-Giulia.

I thank you.