**36th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Croatia**

**Statement of Ireland**

**10 November2020**

Thank you Madame President,

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Croatia and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Croatia’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle.

In particular, we welcome the strengthening of the protections against domestic violence made in recent years and would urge the continuation of these efforts, including through the increased provision of shelters for victims of domestic violence.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Croatian authorities:

1. Increase efforts to implement existing legislation to address equality in the labour market, and on equal pay; and
2. Increase efforts to end stereotyping and prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, through increased awareness-raising campaigns and targeted training for public officials.

We wish Croatia every success with this UPR cycle

Thank you.