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**Statement from Brazil**

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Croatia to its UPR and wishes to make the following two recommendations:

(a) to take concrete steps to protect the human rights of migrants and persons seeking international protection in the country, including by promoting a culture of tolerance and the prevention of unlawful deportations.

(b) to consider special protection of core human rights and fundamental freedoms in the national legal framework, taking into account the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the human rights treaties the country is a party to.

2. Additionally, we commend Croatia for the ratification of the Istanbul Convention. In this context, we encourage the country to step up efforts to protect and promote the rights of women, prevent domestic violence and combat discrimination against women in the labour market.

3. Finally, we take note with appreciation of the plans and measures recently adopted by the Croatian government to promote the rights of ethnic minorities and highlight the importance to strengthen actions to promote the inclusion and fight the discrimination against Serbs and Roma minorities living in the country.