**36th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF LIBYA**

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**Statement of the Republic of Croatia**

Madam President,

We welcome the delegation of Libya and thank them for the presentation of their report.

Croatia appreciates Libya’s ratification of almost all major human rights treaties as well as its commitment to the issue of casualty recording. However, more remains to be done in terms of ensuring equal enjoyment of human rights for all segments of society.

We are concerned about reports showing practice of torture, arbitrary detention and extrajudicial killings, as well as cases of enforced disappearances. Impunity for abuses and violations of human rights and international humanitarian law must be addressed.

**Gender-based violence by all sides of the conflict is of a particular concern, while discrimination against women** remains a challenge, with serious legislative gaps.

We have two recommendations for Libya:

1. **Ratify the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court, with the aim of fighting impunity;**
2. **Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;**

Croatia wishes Libya a successful review session.

Thank you.