**36th Session of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Republic of Croatia**

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Statement by:

Thank you, Madam President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation from the Republic of Croatia to this third cycle review and thanks them for their presentation today.

The Maldives commends the Government of Croatia for submitting the voluntary and Mid-term Report on the follow-up of the recommendations of the second cycle. We congratulate the Government for the adoption of Protocol on Procedures to be followed in Cases of Domestic Violence and the National Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence 2017-2022.

In constructive spirit, the Maldives makes the following two recommendations to Croatia;

1. Promote equal participation of women in both political and public life.

2. Strengthen its efforts to investigate cases of missing persons.

We wish Croatia a successful review. Thank you, Madam President