Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Croatia and thanks for the presentation of its National Report.

We commend Croatia for consistently solidifying its human rights record over the past years, for cooperating with civil society and for its honest efforts to fight hate speech and other forms of discrimination through its strong legal framework for minority protection. We encourage Croatia to continue on this path and **recommend** to adopt a *National Programme for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights*.

Lithuania further **recommends** Croatia to strengthen and enforce laws protecting journalists against physical attacks and threats and to ensure due prosecution of the perpetrators of such acts.

Finally, Lithuania welcomes the adoption by Croatia of the *Act on Protection against Domestic Violence* and *National Strategy for Protection against Family Violence 2017-2022*, which is a good basis for prevention of all forms of violence against women.

We wish Croatia a successful review.

Thank you.