



**Pledge submitted by Croatia to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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Pledging entity: Government of the Republic of Croatia

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Croatia will further strengthen the legal protection of victims of criminal acts of violence against women and domestic violence. The legal framework of punishing perpetrators will be tightened through amendments to the Criminal Code, the Criminal Procedure Act and the Act on Protection from Domestic Violence entering into force in 2024. Femicide will be introduced as a new criminal offence, with no statute of limitations for the prosecution and execution of a prison sentence. Guaranteed rights will be expanded for victims of criminal acts of violence against women and domestic violence and their procedural position and protection will be improved.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Mar 1, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Through the work of the newly established advisory body to the Government of the Republic of Croatia for human rights, we will continue to strengthen multi-sector approach to the growing challenges in the field of human rights. Since 2022, the work of the Government Council for Human Rights enables regular intergovernmental consultative processes with civil society representatives on public policies that affect the state of human rights, both at the national and global level.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Croatia will continue strongly advocating the need to address the root causes of instability and a coherent approach to building and maintaining peace, as well as the inclusion of women in that process. Guided by the principle of close interlinkage and mutual strengthening of security, development and human rights, Croatia will especially promote this issue in its capacity as chair of the UN Peacebuilding Commission, whose activities we plan to financially support this year and in 2024. In 2024, we also plan to continue with organizing pre-deployment trainings for female police officers for UN-led missions.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Croatia is planning to renew its voluntary contribution to OHCHR this year, as well as next year. As a sign of commitment to the global protection and promotion of human rights, and to preserve the effectiveness of OHCHR, we remain devoted to continue financially supporting the work of the Office.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 5: Bearing in mind the tragic experience that our country gained during the aggression against Croatia in the Homeland War in the 1990s, we are determined to continue to strengthen awareness of the victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. During our Presidency of the IHRA, our goal is to improve education, research and raising awareness about the Holocaust and Holocaust remembrance and the genocide of the Roma, thereby using the advantages of the digitalisation. Measures to achieve this goal are part of the current National Anti-Discrimination Plan and will be incorporated in the upcoming 2024-2025 Anti-Discrimination Plan.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2025