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Statement by Hungary on Algeria, UPR Session 13, 29 May, 2012

Madam President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Algeria to the 13th session of the UPR and thanks them for the comprehensive summary.

The lifting of the state of emergency in 2011 is a positive sign, we also commend the country's enhanced engagement with Special Procedures but we believe that Algeria would benefit from further strengthening the cooperation with the Human Rights mechanisms of the Council. We therefore **recommend** that Algeria issue a standing invitation to the Special Procedures.

Hungary notes with appreciation that a moratorium on the death penalty has been in force since 1993 and welcomes Algeria's recent support for the UN GA Resolution on this matter. However, Algerian courts continue to pronounce death sentences on regular occasions. We therefore **recommend** that Algeria abolish the death penalty as a punishment under criminal law.

Also, my country is concerned that the definition of terrorist acts remained broad, the judicial process of people accused of supporting or belonging to terrorist groups are not transparent. We **recommend** that Algeria shows its strong commitment toward fighting impunity by ratifying the ICC, the establishment of which was actively supported by the country, and align its national legislation with the provisions of the Statute.

Madame president,

Finally, my country would welcome a comprehensive study of national legislation and policy intended to improve child welfare in compliance with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Hungary **recommends** that Algeria take all necessary steps to prohibit corporal punishment in all settings and aligns its national legislation with the provisions of the CRC.

Thank you Madam President.