Hungary's Statement on Ecuador, UPR 13th Session, 21 October 2012

Madam President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Ecuador to this UPR session and would like to thank them for their comprehensive summary of the human rights situation in the country. We commend the Government for the establishment of an inter-agency team responsible for the preparation of the national UPR report.

My delegation highly appreciates the fight by the Government against poverty and would like to know more about the concrete implementation of the National Plan for Good Living covering the period between 2009 -2013.

Hungary notes with satisfaction that the Constitution provides for the establishment of a Constitutional Court. We would appreciate to receive more information about its exact competences with regard to the interpretation and observance of the Constitution.

According to the Constitution indigenous peoples have the right to be consulted on issues which concern them. CERD was concerned that a high proportion of persons belonging to indigenous peoples continued to suffer discrimination in Ecuador. Hungary recommends the adoption of special measures for the realisation of collective rights of indigenous peoples and the adoption of mechanisms to ensure their right to be consulted.

Madam President,

My delegation is concerned about the fact that no distinction is made among persons deprived of their liberty between those on trial and facing charges and those already serving a sentence. Hungary recommends adopting the appropriate legislation in this regard.

Thank you Madam President.