

Hungary's Statement on India, UPR 13th Session, 24 May 2012

Madame President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of India and we congratulate the Government on its continued efforts towards implementing the recommendations made during the first UPR review.

We appreciate the extensive efforts the government has undertaken over the past few years to align the draft 2010 Prevention of Torture Bill with its obligations under the CAT to enable the ratification of this important international instrument. Hungary believes that a constructive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Torture may assist the Government, after adoption of the Bill, to successfully implement international standards for the prevention of torture and address the remaining challenges in this field. We therefore **recommend** that the SR on torture, whose request to visit has been pending for 18 years, be allowed to visit India in line with India's standing invitation issued in 2011 to all Special Procedures of the HRC.

Hungary also welcomes India's extensive efforts to protect children from exploitation and reduce the number of street children. At the same time, we note with concern that child labor continues to exist in India and that there is wide disparity in enrolment and drop out rates in primary schools, negatively affecting in particular girls, Muslim children and children belonging to scheduled tribes and casts. In this regard **Hungary recommends to India:**

- to align its national regulations with the ILO Conventions 138 and 182 and elaborate a timeline for the ratification of these instruments; and
- to implement the recommendations included in the Report of the OHCHR on street children (A/HRC/19/35).

Thank you, Madame President!