

Statement by Hungary on the Philippines, UPR 13th Session, 29 May, 2012

Madam President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of the Philippines to the 13th session of the UPR and would like to thank them for their presentation.

We commend the Government for positively engaging with the EU Justice Support Programme aimed at strengthening the capacity of the criminal justice system, the Commission on Human Rights, and civil society organizations in order to reduce extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearance in the country. Hungary notes with satisfaction that as a result there has been a significant decrease in the number of extrajudicial killings in the Philippines. We also welcome the establishment of the National Monitoring Mechanism in this regard. We **recommend** the Government to update the Council on the findings of this mechanism and the measures taken to address this issue including the results of the relevant court procedures.

Hungary welcomes the variety of legislative initiatives that the Philippines have taken to address the issues of child abuse, corporal punishment and protection of children in armed conflicts. We would like to know more on the efforts of the Government to improve children's right to education, with special attention to children with disabilities and street children, to ensure equal access for all children to quality public education nationwide.

We have received some disturbing information on the situation of children in detention. Therefore Hungary **recommends** the Government to follow-up the recommendations in chapter VI of the HRC resolution on the Rights of the Child adopted this March.

Thank you Madam President.