

Statement by Hungary on Poland, UPR Session 13, 30 May, 2012

Madam President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the brotherly delegation of Poland to the 13th session of the UPR and would like to thank them for their excellent presentation and for their comprehensive national report. We would like to commend Poland for their proactive role in this Council and for the work done in the field of human rights including during their EU Presidency.

We note the progress made since the first cycle of the UPR regarding anti-discriminatory law, the shortening the length of court proceedings and pre-trial detention. We also welcome that corporal punishment in Poland is explicitly prohibited in all settings by law and we would like to **recommend** the Government to inform this Council in their mid-term report on the measures to make this provision widely respected in the country.

We note with satisfaction the establishment the Office of the Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment which coordinates Government actions to combat racial discrimination and monitors policy. We also welcome the extension of the scope of the Children's Rights Ombudsman's competences to allow her/him to participate in proceedings on constitutional complaints, in pending juvenile proceedings and to file a cassation against final court judgements.

Similarly we welcome the recent amendments on combating domestic violence providing new preventive, penal and probation measures. In the same time we have been informed about the high percentage of dismissals of domestic violence cases at the prosecution level. That is why we would like to **recommend** the Government to improve access to justice of the victims.

Finally Madam President, we note with appreciation the increased attention Poland attaches to the protection of people living with disabilities including efforts to improve access to the events of the UEFA football championship events this year.

Thank you Madam President.