

**Hungary's Statement on South Africa, UPR 13th Session, 31 May 2012**

Mister President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of South Africa 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 President of South Africa for signing Performance Agreements with cabinet ministers to ensure the fulfilment of the country's international obligations.

My delegation highly appreciates that substantial progress has been made since the last review to expand access to treatment for HIV/AIDS to over 1.4 million people by 2011.

Hungary welcomes the structural changes in the Government to better deliver the goals described in the Medium Term Strategic Framework for the period 2009-2014 and would appreciate to receive more information about the main challenges with regard to the implementation of the Framework in the ground. As the scope of this Framework is falling within the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights which has been signed by South Africa, my delegation **recommends** finalising the ratification process of the Covenant.

My delegation takes note the new draft bill on the prohibition and criminalisation of torture which is scheduled for consideration by the Cabinet and which we hope will bring South African law in this area fully in line with the relevant international standards. To further improve the fight against torture and ill-treatment we **recommend** the ratification of OPCAT.

Thank you Mister President.