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

Madam President,

Hungary would like to thank the UK and its expert team in Geneva for the active engagement with this Council which is crucial to preserve the high standards in the promotion and protection of human rights. We believe the cooperation with the mechanisms of the Council is essential in order to understand the implementation of human rights in each country; therefore we would like to **recommend** improving the response rate of the UK to the communications from these mechanisms.

Hungary notes with satisfaction the steps taken by the government to adopt a new "Bill of Rights", incorporating international obligations of the UK and improving the protection of liberties. We very much hope that achievements of the Human Rights Act of 1988 will be preserved and specific rights for children will also be included with a special emphasis on juvenile justice.

The national report described some of the commendable efforts of the UK to fulfil its obligations stemming from the CRC, the CRPD and the CEDAW. We would be grateful to have further information in the following areas:

- What is the legal reason of not explicitly prohibiting corporal punishment of children in all settings?
- How the problem of growing number of women prisoners is dealt with?
- What steps have been taken to ensure that human rights education is provided in all the different territories of the UK?

We would also like to **recommend** withdrawing reservations made upon the ratification of the CRPD.

We welcome the different efforts to tackle the situation of the Roma and Traveller people and we **recommend** sharing these best practices through the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies adopted last year.

Finally Madam President, we note with satisfaction the planned new Defamation Bill which might achieve the necessary balance between the protection of the reputation of those who were attacked by legitimate investigative reporting and the freedom of expression. Would the delegation is able to share with us:

- the planned timeline to enact this Bill;
- what are the most debated questions in connection of the planned law (including the effect of the new Bill on the so called "libel business")?

Thank you Madam President.