

Hungary's Statement on Zambia, UPR 14th Session, 30 October 2012
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Mr President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of Zambia to this UPR and thanks them for their national report. We congratulate the new government on its efforts to implement the recommendations of the first cycle and in order to facilitate this process for the second cycle, **we recommend** that the Government provide a mid-term update on the implementation of the recommendations of this UPR.

Hungary is pleased to note that Zambia's new draft Constitution aims at enhancing the rights of women and welcomes the proposal to repeal custom based gender discrimination. We also congratulate Zambia on the 2011 enactment of the Anti-Gender-Based Violence Act but note with concern that violence against women and girls, including sexual violence, continue to be a serious problem. **We recommend** that Zambia take the necessary steps to ensure effective implementation of the Anti-Gender-Based Violence Act and provide statistical data regarding convictions for reported incidents of rape and defilement at its mid-term review.

We note with appreciation the significant progress made by Zambia in the area of education and welcome the 2011 national strategy for free, mandatory primary education. However, challenges continue to exist, in particular in rural areas where adequate capacity and infrastructure are lacking and there is a high drop out rate for girls. **We recommend** that Zambia provide for adequate and consistent funding to all schools and learning institutions, and ensure accountability and transparency in such funding. Also, **could the delegation kindly elaborate** on how it intends to address stigmatization and negative attitude of school administration and staff towards children with disabilities?

Finally, we are concerned about the lack of separate detention facilities for children. **We recommend** that Zambia bring conditions in detention centers in line with international standards and provide an update at its mid-term review on the number of detention centers in the country containing separate facilities for juvenile offenders.

Thank you, Mr. President!