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## Hungary's Statement on Liechtenstein, UPR 15th Session, 30 January 2013

Mr. President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Liechtenstein to this UPR session and would like to thank them for their comprehensive summary of the human rights situation in the country. It is important that the competent human rights institutions, commissions and civil society organizations were consulted during the preparation of the report.

With regard to the scope of Liechtenstein's international obligations, we highly appreciate the first ratification of the amendments of the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression by Liechtenstein. In this context, **we recommend the Government to ratify the CRPD.**

Hungary notes with satisfaction the creation of an Ombudsman Office for Children and Young people in 2009 as the most important institutional development of the reporting period. We learned with interest that in the same year a Children and Youth Advisory Council has been set up to represent the interests of children and young people. We would be happy to hear more about the experiences of the 2 institutions so far and about their relationship.

Mr. President,

We highly appreciate that the Government adopted several measures to combat racism and xenophobia. In this context, we found the creation of the Specialist Office against Right - Wing Extremism in 2010 as a very interesting and creative step. We would appreciate to learn more about those areas where - according to your assessment - this institution could make a real difference.

Hungary is concerned that according to the Constitution the principle of equality before the law only applies to citizens and that the protection of the rights of foreigners is only ensured through international treaties and on the basis of reciprocity. **We recommend the Government to ensure the constitutional guarantees of equality before the law.**

Mr. President,

Let me conclude by expressing our appreciation for the important and positive role played by the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN in New York as a co-facilitator of the HRC review process in 2010-2011.

Thank you Mr. President.