

**Statement by Hungary on United Arab Emirates,
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Mr. President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegates of the United Arab Emirates to the 15th session of the UPR and wishes to congratulate the country that it ranked high in the index on the rule of law and judicial transparency in 2011 developed by the World Justice Project. We welcome the series of progressive measures your Government has introduced in this area so far. Human rights and democracy could be promoted only through dialogue and partnership based on mutual respect and confidence. Hungary will keep supporting such a dialogue and partnership with the United Arab Emirates in this field.

Hungary believes that the abolition of the death penalty contributes to the enhancement of human dignity and to the enjoyment of the right to life. For this reason, we **recommend** that the Government reduce the number of crimes where death penalty can be imposed.

Finally, we note with satisfaction that the country was ranked first in the Arab world in the gender equality index published by the World Economic Forum in 2011.

Thank you Mister President.

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