

## Hungary's Statement on Germany, UPR 16th Session, 25 April 2013

Mr. President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of Germany 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 Germany's international obligations, we highly appreciate inter alia, the ratification of the CRPD and its Optional Protocol, and the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons against Disappearance by the Government since its first UPR review.

Hungary notes with satisfaction the creation of new independent human rights institutions as parts of the national preventive mechanism, with regard to the implementation of the OPCAT.

We learned with interest the establishment of the German Islam Conference as a national framework for a dialogue between government representatives and Muslims in Germany. My delegation would be happy to hear more about the first experiences of this important institution.

Mr. President,

Hungary highly appreciates that the Government adopted several measures to combat discrimination and violence against women, and in this context we find the national "Violence against women" helpline an efficient support package.

There were several reports by human rights NGOs on cases of alleged ill-treatment or excessive use of force by the police. It is in this context that my delegation would like to recommend the establishment of an independent police complaint mechanism to ensure the prompt, impartial, independent and efficient investigation of these cases.

Both the Human Rights Committee and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention raised concerns with regard to the system of preventive detention. In this regard, Hungary would recommend Germany to avoid this practice or to use such type of detention as a measure of last resort.

Mr. President,

Let me conclude by expressing our appreciation for the important and positive role played by Germany in the Human Rights Council, particularly for its leading role in the field of water and sanitation.

Thank you Mr. President.