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Thank you Mr. President,

Hungary welcomes the recent visit of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers to the country. We encourage the Government to fully implement her recommendations.

We highly value that Russia guarantees freedom of assembly in its Constitution. To ensure that restrictions on public assemblies are in line with the ICCPR, we **recommend** that any sanctions for violations are proportionate and do not create undue obstacles to freedom of assembly.

Hungary notes that NGOs receiving foreign funding and being politically engaged are designated by new regulations as “foreign agents”, which term has particular historical connotations in Russia. Would NGOs, which might receive funding from the UN system, also fall under this law?

We note with interest the planned initiatives under the Second Decade of the World’s Indigenous People and **recommend** that Russia ensures the right of indigenous people to their ancestral lands through the implementation of the relevant legislation with measurable targets and effective data collection.

Hungary welcomes efforts to make the Russian military service more humane therefore we **recommend** enhancing civilian control over investigation of violations in the army and ensuring protection of witnesses and victims.

Finally my delegation also welcomes the ratification of the CRPD and the launching of the Accessible Environment program which created a number of inclusive schools in Moscow. Hungary **recommends** the Government to extend the implementation of this program to all regions in particular with regards to the introduction of disability inclusive education.

Thank you, Mr President