

Hungary's Statement on Costa Rica, UPR 19th Session, 5 May 2014
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Mr. President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica to this UPR session and would like to thank them for the comprehensive summary of the human rights situation in the country. We commend the fact that a mid-term report was submitted in 2012, and that this report was prepared in a transparent process, within the newly established Inter-Institutional Commission on Follow-Up to and Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations, in which the representatives of the civil society were involved. In this context, we are pleased to note that a permanent forum has been created for dialogue with civil society.

With regard to the scope of Costa Rica's international obligations, we take a positive note of the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions since its first review.

We learned with great interest the establishment of the National Commission on the Improved Administration of Justice and the Access to Justice Commission and would be interested to know more about the concrete impact of these bodies on the implementation of the Brasilia Regulations Regarding Access to Justice for Vulnerable People.

Mr. President,

With regard to the mandate of the National Preventive Mechanism under the OPCAT, Hungary recommends the Government to expand the scope of its activities, in order to include those places of deprivation of liberty too, which are not under the authority of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Public Security, Interior and the Police.

Mr. President,

Let me conclude by expressing our appreciation for the important and positive role played by Costa Rica in the Human Rights Council, particularly with regard to certain country situations or initiatives aimed at protecting civil space within the UN system.

Thank you Mr. President.