

**Statement by Hungary on Kyrgyzstan
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Mr. President,

We welcome the Kyrgyz delegation to the 21st session of the UPR Working Group and we thank them for the comprehensive national report on the human rights situation in the country. We acknowledge Kyrgyzstan's work and achievements in the process of democratization, and we appreciate the government's efforts on resolving socio-economic and financial problems of the country. We would like to express our thanks to the government for actively participating and cooperating in the universal periodic review mechanism.

Hungary commends the steps Kyrgyzstan has taken to implement some of the reform commitments to which it agreed during its last UPR in 2010. We are pleased to see that Kyrgyzstan established a National Center for the Prevention of Torture. However, we note with concern that according to numerous reports the practice of torture and ill-treatment still persists. Therefore we recommend to Kyrgyzstan to prevent acts of torture and ensure that allegations of torture and ill-treatment are investigated promptly and efficiently.

Hungary is particularly worried about the situation and the rights of the child in Kyrgyzstan. Despite our recommendation during the first UPR cycle regarding child labour, there are still a large number of child labourers, many of whom work under hazardous conditions. Moreover, child labour contributes to children being out of school. That is why we recommend to Kyrgyzstan to completely eliminate the practice of child labour and ensure that all children have access to free and compulsory education.

Hungary attaches great importance to the freedom of peaceful assembly and the protection of civil society. Therefore we are highly concerned about the latest legislative developments regarding civil society organizations, in particular the so called "foreign agents" bill which seems to aim at restricting and limiting the activities of nongovernmental organizations.

Last but not least, we recommend to Kyrgyzstan to ratify the ICC Statute signed in 1998.

Thank you, Mr. President!