

**Statement by Hungary on Spain  
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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Spain to the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for the comprehensive national report and the oral update on the human rights situation in the country.

We appreciate that human rights remain a central element of Spanish policies both domestically and internationally. We note the numerous human rights achievements attained since the first review of Spain, made all the more impressive in view of the economic and financial difficulties the country has had to face recently.

During the first review, Hungary made three recommendations to Spain. All of them were accepted, and their implementation has advanced.

First, we applaud the adoption of the National Strategy for the Social Inclusion of the Gypsy Population for the years 2012-2020 and look forward to the report on the status of intermediate goals in 2015. We would be interested in hearing about the results of the Strategy so far, in particular regarding the implementation of its anti-discriminatory elements.

Second, Hungary welcomes the National Strategy for the Elimination of Violence against Women for the years 2013-2016. We hope that the Strategy will significantly improve the situation and would like to ask the delegation to provide a few concrete examples of how the Strategy contributes to the prevention of violence against women in all its manifestations.

Lastly, acknowledging the significant new steps which have been taken to improve capacities to prevent torture, Hungary **recommends** to Spain to elaborate further concrete, meaningful practical measures and mechanisms that effectively prevent any ill-treatment by the police and prison guards, including the possibility of revision of the practice of incommunicado detention.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**