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Statement by Hungary on Belarus
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Mr. President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Belarus and we thank them for the comprehensive national report.

We acknowledge the measures taken since the first UPR cycle aiming at the implementation of accepted recommendations, including those formulated by Hungary. We note in particular the endeavour to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles; the ongoing work of the Parliamentary Working Group on the death penalty, or the efforts of the Government to eliminate domestic violence and to protect women's rights.

We encourage Belarus to continue its efforts to further improve the human rights situation in the country, and wish to make the following recommendations:

- Strengthen the cooperation with the United Nations human rights mechanisms, in particular by permitting visits by special procedure mandate holders.
- Comply with all the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, ensuring that those who engage in human rights work are able to exercise their rights to freedom of expression, association and movement without obstruction or coercion.
- Accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and implement it in national legislation, including by incorporating provisions on prompt and full cooperation with the ICC.

Thank you, Mr. President!