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**Statement by Hungary on Mongolia**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Mongolia and would like to express its appreciation for the comprehensive and detailed national report. We acknowledge that since the first UPR cycle Mongolia has undertaken several concrete measures to implement the recommendations. A considerable progress has been made particularly in the field of acceding to the international treaties and enacting national legislation on specific types of human rights.

We welcome the fact that Mongolia signed the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in 2013 and ratified it in 2014. However, Hungary would like to see further significant development in taking steps against the use of torture and other ill-treatment in particular to obtain confessions. Hungary recommends Mongolia to consider the amendment of its Criminal Code in order to include a definition of torture as a crime. We also attach great importance to the establishment of an effective national preventive mechanism that complies with the criteria set up by the Optional Protocol to the above-mentioned Convention.

We also recommend Mongolia to consider the ratification of the Minamata convention and update Article 4.1.23 of the Law on Minerals of Mongolia, which applies to small-scale mining, to secure mining rights to small-scale miners and formalize their operation as soon as possible.

Last but not least, we would like to see Mongolia joining the vast number of states in paying particular attention to cases of violence against women and recommend to consider criminalising domestic violence, sexual harassment and ensuring that perpetrators are duly prosecuted.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**