

**Statement by Hungary on the United States of America  
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**Mr. President,**

We welcome the delegation of the United States and thank them for the thorough and well structured national report, as well as for the oral update.

Hungary wishes to raise the following points:

- First, we acknowledge the importance of state, tribal, and local level human rights institutions and of an independent judiciary. Nevertheless, Hungary recommends the creation of a human rights institution at the federal level in accordance with the Paris Principles as a national “focal point” for the promotion and protection of human rights.
- Second, we welcome the steps taken by the United States Government to protect privacy and civil liberties while protecting national security, in particular Presidential Policy Directive-28, which includes standards for the collection and use of foreign signals intelligence. Still, Hungary recommends the strengthening of the independent federal-level judicial and legislative oversight of surveillance activities of all digital communications with the aim of ensuring that the right to privacy is fully upheld, especially with regard to individuals outside the territorial borders of the United States.
- Finally, we note with regret that no human rights treaties have been signed and ratified by the US since the last review. Hungary, as it did last time, again recommends the ratification of the CRC, CEDAW, the CRPD, as well as the ICC Statute.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**