

Statement by Hungary on Nepal
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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Nepal and we congratulate Ms. Bhandari on her election as the first female president of the country. We wish her every success, endurance and strength in her duties. Hungary also welcomes the adoption of the new Constitution in September 2015 which should constitute a firm basis for respecting international human rights standards.

Hungary also would like to thank the delegation for the national report and the oral update.

We wish to raise the following 3 points:

- Hungary commends that Nepal has ratified a number of human rights treaties. Although laws, policies and plans are in place, the level of implementation remains weak with scope for improvement. We **recommend** the ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC and its implementation in national legislation.
- We believe that full cooperation with international human rights mechanisms is of key importance for the effective implementation of international human rights standards at national level. Therefore Hungary **recommends** the Government of Nepal to accept the request of visit by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, the Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders, the UN Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances and cooperate fully with the mandate holders.
- Finally, with regard to the promises of reform and a recommendation accepted during its previous UPR in 2011 we wish to hear about the plans of the Government regarding the modification of its citizenship laws not to leave an estimated 4 million people without official status and at a risk of statelessness. We **recommend** Nepal amending these laws to allow citizenship through either parent.

Thank you, Mr. President!