

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

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Estonia and thanks for the national report and the update. We appreciate that the report has been prepared in an inclusive manner, in close consultation with the NGO community.

We welcome the progress in the implementation of accepted recommendations from Estonia's first UPR. Over the last five years, Estonia has joined a number of human rights conventions, introduced measures to combat various forms of discrimination, and has taken steps to promote cultural diversity and integration. Hungary particularly welcomes that the Penal Code has been amended to include the definition of torture used in CAT. We also note that combating human trafficking is a major priority, and would like to kindly ask the delegation what further measures, if any, are foreseen to effectively prevent this phenomenon.

The national report and the various stakeholders' submissions give account of the remaining gaps and challenges. In view of these, in particular with regard to the institutional framework and the prevalence of interpersonal violence, Hungary has the following recommendations to Estonia:

- Establish a National Human Rights Institution compliant with the Paris Principles.
- Combat more vigorously the phenomenon of domestic violence, in particular violence against children, including by the introduction of a coherent and clear legislative framework prohibiting corporal punishment.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**