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**25th Session of the UPR working group**

**Recommendations by Finland to Hungary**

**4 May 2016**

Mr. President,

Finland appreciates the possibility to engage in a dialogue with Hungary during its Universal Periodic Review.

Finland wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. **Firstly, Finland recommends that Hungary takes resolute measures to put an end, without further delay, to the continuing segregation of Roma children at school.**
2. **Secondly, Finland recommends that Hungary fully respects its obligations under international law by guaranteeing the right to seek asylum through an individual, effective process without discrimination.**

Even though the school enrolment rate for the rest of the population is high, Roma children still lag seriously behind in education. All measures to guarantee the right to equal education for Roma children are of great importance. 50 % of Roma children attend schools or classes where all or the majority of their classmates are also Roma.

Recent reports on discrimination of asylum seekers in Hungary raise many concerns. Finland is concerned that Hungary is constructing a system in which the majority of refugees will be denied access to the territory of the EU, as a result of the automatic rejections of the asylum applications on the border within an exceptionally accelerated procedure.

Thank you.