Iceland warmly welcomes the Delegation of Hungary and thanks them for their comprehensive report.

We recognize that Hungary faces serious challenges as one of the main entry points to the EU for **refugees and asylum-seekers**. Yet we deeply regret recent amendments to the Hungarian Criminal Code that make it an offence to enter the country through the border fence.

The criminalization and detention of refugees and asylum-seekers could lead to a breach of Hungary’s commitments under the 1951 Refugee Convention.

Further we recognize that efforts are being made to improve the situation for the **Roma minority**. However, we are concerned about the persistence of xenophobic attitudes and increased hate crimes against the Roma community in Hungary.

Iceland makes the following recommendations to the Government of Hungary:

1. Repeal the amendments to the Criminal Code that criminalize “illegal entry” and introduce “transit zones” at the border and a list of “safe countries”;
2. Comply with the principle of non-refoulement;
3. Review and abolish all administrative and legislative provisions that restrict the rights of Human Rights defenders promoting the rights of Roma, and ensure that domestic legislation respects basic principles relating to international human rights law and standards.