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Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan

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Kazakhstan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Hungary led by H.E. M. Laselo IRocs Wand thanks it for the comprehensive presentation of the National Report.

Since its first UPR cycle in 2011 Hungary has undertaken an important legislative work in order to further improve its national human rights protection system. The comprehensive criminal law reform, the adoption of a number of national strategies is, in this regard, particularly noteworthy. We also wish to welcome the ratification by Hungary of the OP-CAT and the strengthening of the Ombudsperson system. Hungary has always been closely cooperating with the HRC's Special Procedures mechanism; this effort is also highly commendable.

While wishing Hungary success in the current UPR process, the delegation of Kazakhstan would like to offer Hungary the following recommendations:

- 1) Take appropriate measures to progressively reduce the existing backlog of overdue Reports to the UN Treaty Bodies.
- 2) Consider acceding to the UN Convention on Enforced Disappearances.
- 3) Step up efforts to effectively prevent and combat discrimination of persons belonging to national minorities, in particular regarding their access to education and healthcare.

Thank you!