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*Statement of Ms. Audra Čiapienė, Minister Counsellor*

*of the Permanent Mission of Lithuania*

*at the review of Hungary*

Mr. President,

Lithuania warmly welcomes the esteemed delegation of Hungary and thanks for its informative National Report. Lithuanian congratulates Hungary on the progress in implementing the UPR 1st cycle recommendations.

Lithuania highly commends Hungary for its support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, its independence and effectiveness.

Lithuania commends Hungary's steps towards combating hate crimes by adopting new legislation that criminalizes violation of dignity of any national, ethnic, racial or religious community and recommends to further step up efforts to publicly condemn hate speech, including against Roma;

Welcoming the adoption of a specific legal provision governing domestic violence, Lithuania recommends Hungary to criminalize different types of violence against women, to amend the Criminal Code to ensure that rape is defined according to the CEDAW recommendation and ensure appropriate and easily accessible health-care services for women victims of rape;

Lithuania also recommends Hungary to review all relevant legislation, including the State's new Fundamental Law (that permitted a judge to remove the right to vote from those with "limited mental ability"), to ensure that all persons with disabilities have a right to vote, and that they can participate in political and public life on an equal basis with others

Lithuania wishes Hungary a successful review.

Thank you.