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**UPR II of Hungary**

**Statement**

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Thank you Mr. President,

The Republic of Macedonia welcomes the delegation of Hungary and thanks them for the presentation of their comprehensive national report, today.

We welcome the ratification of the OP-CAT, as well as the establishment of the National Preventive Mechanism as a separate department within the Office of Commissioner for Fundamental Rights in 2014.

We commend the amendments in the national legislation with aim to further improve certain areas of HRs since the first UPR cycle.

In particular, we commend the adoption of a specific legal provision for prevention of domestic violence in line with the CEDAW observations.

While noting and commending the strengthening of the provisions in the Criminal Code regarding participation in disbanded organizations, we encourage the Hungarian authorities to continue with the efforts aimed at tackling the phenomenon of such organizations targeting Roma.

The Republic of Macedonia has three recommendations to offer for consideration of the Delegation of Hungary:

* To continue with the efforts aimed at ensuring timely cooperation with treaty bodies, regarding the submission of its over-due national reports.
* To intensify activities aimed at overcoming gender stereotypes.
* To take effective measures to address the needs of women belonging to minorities, such as Roma women, in order to eliminate all forms of discrimination against them.

Thank you, Mr. President.