**Statement by Hungary on Lithuania**

**26th Session of the UPR Working Group, 2 November 2016**

**Mr. President,**

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of Lithuania and thanks for the detailed national report and update. We welcome that Lithuania accepted many of the recommendations made during its first UPR cycle in 2011.

Hungary is pleased that Lithuania has acceded to the *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture* and the *1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness*. As a result of the latter, residency requirements were reduced for stateless persons born in Lithuania from 10 to 5 years.

Hungary welcomes the new action plan for better integration of the Roma community for 2015-2020, yet, we recommend that Lithuania take measures to provide those at stake of statelessness with identity documents with particular regard to Roma.

We are concerned that the envisaged law on national minorities has not been adopted yet. Therefore, Hungary calls upon the Government of Lithuania to adopt, without further delay and in close cooperation with minority representatives, a consistent legal provision on the rights of minorities, with special regard on the extensive use of minority languages. Hungary recommends that Lithuania ratifies the *UN Convention against Discrimination in Education* and the *European Charter on Regional and Minority Languages*.

Finally, Hungary would like to draw attention to the high figures of human trafficking in Lithuania, therefore, urges Lithuania to ensure that all forms of human trafficking are equally sanctioned and are incorporated accordingly in the Criminal Code avoiding any incorrect classification of certain offences related to human trafficking.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**